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### Bárbara Mori walks Aruba's Red Carpet



**Bárbara Mori**

**PASEO HERENCIA** - 'Kites' is a 2010 Bollywood film directed by Anurag Basu and produced by Rakesh Roshan, that stars Hrithik Roshan, Bárbara Mori, Kangana Ranaut, and Kabir Bedi. The film was released in India and in North America on May 21, 2010. Its 208-theater opening in North America made it the largest Bollywood release there to that time. It was also the first Bollywood movie to reach the weekend top ten, though My Name is Khan had a larger first-weekend North American gross, with \$1.9 million at 120 theaters.

J (Hrithik Roshan), is a dance teacher in Las Vegas, Nevada. As a side-line, he marries immigrant women to get them green cards. When Gina (Kangana Ranaut), the rich daughter of a powerful casino owner Bob (Kabir Bedi), falls for him, J goes along in order to marry into money. He discovers that his future brother-in-law, the vicious, homicidal Tony (Nick Brown), is about to marry a Mexican woman named Natasha (Bárbara Mori), whom J knows as Linda, the last of the immigrant women he married. □

## Greek Impasse



### At impasse, Greek leader vows to reset cabinet

A demonstrator shouts near a police line during protests in Athens, Greece, on June 15, 2011. As thousands took to the streets to protest austerity measures on Wednesday, Prime Minister George Papandreou proposed to step down so that his Socialist party could form a coalition government with the center-right opposition.

(Eirini Vourloumis/The New York Times)

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## Weiner takes another blow



Former porn actress Ginger Lee speaks at the Friars Club on June 15, 2011. Lee said that Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) told her to lie about their contact online and that she did not reciprocate his sexual messages.

(Richard Perry/The New York Times)

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President Barack Obama hosts military fathers and their children for a screening of Disney/Pixar movie 'Cars 2.' Defying congressional criticism, the White House insisted Wednesday that President Barack Obama has the authority to continue U.S. military action in Libya even without authorization from Congress.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

## In defense of Libya

JULIE PACE

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Defying congressional criticism, the White House insisted Wednesday that President Barack Obama has the authority to continue U.S. military action in Libya even without authorization from Congress. In a detailed, 32-page report to Congress, the White House also put the cost of U.S. military operations and humanitarian assistance in Libya at about \$800 million, as of June 3, with the total to increase to \$1.1 billion by early September.

The report marks the first time the administration has detailed publicly its legal rationale for continuing the Libya campaign without receiving congressional authorization within the 60-day window set in the War Powers Resolution. Officials argued that because the U.S. has a limited, supporting role in the NATO-led bombing campaign in Libya and American forces are not engaged in sustained fighting, the president is within his constitutional rights to direct the mission on his own.

"The president is of the view that the current U.S. military operations in Libya are consistent with the War Powers Resolution and do not under that law require further congressional authorization because U.S. military operations are distinct from the kind of "hostilities" contemplated by the resolution's 60-day termination provision," the White House said.

The administration's defense of the Libya mission comes in response to a nonbinding House resolution passed this month that chastised Obama for failing to provide a "compelling rationale" for U.S. involvement in Libya.

The resolution gave the administration until Friday to respond to a series of questions on the mission, including the scope of U.S. military activity, the cost of the mission and its impact on other U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Thursday's report appeared to do little to quell congressional criticism.

A spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, a Republican, said the White House was using "creative arguments" that raised additional questions.

Republican Sen. Bob Corker, who has introduced a resolution similar to the House measure, said he was amazed that the administration did not believe U.S. forces were facing "hostilities" in Libya, saying generals have told lawmakers otherwise in classified briefings.

"The way the administration handled this entire affair left people on both sides of the aisle very perplexed," said Corker, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. □

## A beacon for tourists in Tennessee

ROBBIE BROWN

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**ELKMONT, Tenn.** — Lynn Faust remembers the old days of firefly season here. You would hike into the woods at night, with nobody else around, waiting for one of nature's strangest and most beautiful rituals.

Then the fireflies would emerge, thousands and thousands of them, and under the moonlight they would all flash in unison. On. Off. On. Off.

"It's as though they wear little watches," said Faust, 56, a biologist and naturalist who has studied fireflies for decades.

"It's awe-inspiring, it's beautiful, it's rhythmic and it's bright. You're surrounded by the fireflies."

These days, you are also surrounded by the tourists. The secret is out about this marvelously rare and very brief annual spectacle. About a thousand tourists a night come to Elkmont, a small trailhead in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, during the two weeks each June when the country's largest population of synchronous fireflies puts on what locals call "the light show." Reactions tend toward the spiritual, and people wander out of the woods with the quiet, dazed look of those who have seen an aurora borealis or a solar eclipse, or spent an hour getting massaged at Sedona.

"It's mind-blowing, like a silent symphony," said Daniel Carlson, 47, an engineer from Raleigh, N.C., lying flat on a blanket in the forest. "How? Why? Why here?"

We have no clue."

That is not exactly true, but the finer details of Photinus carolinus remain mysterious. The synchrony is more a race than a drum beat. One dominant male blinks and then all of the others flash almost instantly too. They follow a pattern,

separate conversation, it can be hard for anyone to be heard.

But if the whole crowd chants the same words, the message gets out — in this case, the message of male fireflies to potential mates. Synchronous fireflies have been observed in South-



Grace Sommi, rear, Sarah Brinson, and Johathan Emkes wait for darkness, when the fireflies come out in Elkmont, Tenn., June 11, 2011. About a thousand tourists a night come to Elkmont, a small trailhead in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, during the two weeks each June when the country's largest population of synchronous fireflies puts on what locals call "the light show."

(Shawn Poynter/The New York Times)

Morse-code-like, of roughly six seconds of flashing and then six seconds of darkness that lasts for about two hours after dusk.

Biologists believe the rhythm provides an evolutionary edge, making male fireflies somehow more attractive to females. Perhaps by casting a beacon of light farther. Perhaps by preventing the flashing from becoming too chaotic.

Think of it like a crowd of people talking, said Andrew Moiseff, an expert on physiology and neurobiology at the University of Connecticut. If everyone has a

east Asia and reported, but not as well verified, along various parts of the southern Atlantic Coast, in Georgia, Tennessee and West Virginia. But Elkmont's population is the Western Hemisphere's largest, so dense that you can hardly walk without hitting one. Jonathan Copeland, a Georgia Southern University biologist, made the official scientific discovery about Elkmont's fireflies, reported in the Journal of Insect Behavior in 1995. Every year since, park officials say, the crowds have grown, creating up to a four-hour wait for buses to the trail on weekends.

Copeland worries about fireflies getting trampled underfoot or simply distracted by an errant flashlight.

"The bulk of people are respectful," Copeland said. "But the total number of people is obscene."

Margaret Morgan, a kindergarten teacher from Wartburg, Tenn., came last weekend with a group of children, all wearing T-shirts decorated with fireflies.

She could barely believe the crowds of people, spread out across picnic blankets and lawn chairs. □



A print of fireflies on display at a firefly festival in Gatlinburg, Tenn., June 11, 2011.

(Shawn Poynter/The New York Times)



## U.S. Briefs

### Expert to testify on Casey Anthony

A former Metro Detroit medical examiner who is expected to testify in the Casey Anthony trial this week said Wednesday that based on his findings, Anthony may be innocent in the death of her 2-year-old daughter in 2008. "The medical examiner and the police (in Orlando) determined that the cause of death was undeterminable and the manner of death was homicide," Dr. Werner Spitz of Grosse Pointe Shores told The Detroit News.

"If you don't know what she died of, how do you know it was a homicide?" Spitz, 84, consulted with police on the JonBenet Ramsey murder case and served on multiple committees examining the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He has worked as the medical examiner for Wayne County and Macomb County. He now has an office in St. Clair Shores and performs private autopsies in addition to consulting work. Anthony's defense attorneys will begin calling witnesses Friday in the trial that began May 24. □

### NY House passes gay marriage bill

**ALBANY, New York (AP)** — New York's Democrat-led Assembly has passed a bill to legalize gay marriage and a critical vote by the state Senate could take place this week if that chamber's Republican majority brings the measure to the floor. Assemblyman Charles Lavine said Wednesday he believes his chamber's approval of gay marriage means that somewhere America's founding fathers "have smiles on their faces." But Assemblyman Dov Hikind said gay marriage is wrong in the eyes of God. Gay marriage is legal in Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Washington, D.C. Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo has shepherded the bill in New York. □

### Az. official: ethnic studies violates law

**PHOENIX (AP)** — The Arizona state schools chief said Wednesday that an ethnic studies program in Tucson is violating a new state law by advocating ethnic solidarity among Latinos and promoting resentment toward white people. Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal's decision gives the Tucson Unified School District two months to comply with the law or face losing 10 percent of its annual state funding — or about \$15 million. "This is not rocket science. This is fundamental," Huppenthal said at a news conference at his Phoenix office. "They have gotten themselves in a very tight corner. The ball is back in their court." Supporters of the program have criticized challenges as an attack against Arizona's Hispanic population. □

### US govt. serves food history at Archives

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A venerable fixture of the U.S. capital is offering visitors a peek at presidential recipes including Lyndon B. Johnson's Texas chili, John F. Kennedy's Cape Cod chowder and Dwight D. Eisenhower's three-page guide to vegetable soup.

The National Archives opens its first exhibit Friday on the history of U.S. food and the government's effect on the nation's diet. "What's Cooking Uncle Sam?" is a departure for the Archives, which more often deals with issues of presidential policies, war and peace. Former White House executive pastry chef Roland Mesnier, who served Presidents Jimmy Carter through George W. Bush, said the government also has a critical role in setting the nation's food agenda. Making the healthiest food more affordable would be an important step, he said. Mesnier said he was hired at the White House because he promised first lady Rosalynn Carter he would make healthy, light desserts with lots of fresh fruit. □

## US Rep. Giffords released from hospital

**RAMIT MASTI**

**Associated Press**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Rep. Gabrielle Giffords returned home to her astronaut husband on Wednesday, leaving behind a Houston hospital where she began to rebuild her life after a gunman shot her in the head five months ago. Giffords' release marks a new phase in her recovery. She struggles to speak and walk, and will need daily, intensive therapy. Whether she will ever recover enough to resume her congressional duties is still unknown.

But doctors at TIRR Memorial Hermann, her husband Mark Kelly and experts who have been observing Giffords' recovery emphasize that going home is a key milestone and could help stimulate her progress.

"Anyone who knows Gabby knows that she loves being outside," Kelly said in a statement released by the hospital. "Living and working in a rehab facility for five months straight has been especially challenging for her."

Giffords will still go to the hospital each day where she will participate in speech, music, physical and occupational therapy with the same team that



**This recent photo of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords since she was shot, was posted to her public Facebook page by her aides Sunday morning June 12, 2011. Giffords was released from a rehabilitation hospital in Houston last night.**

**(AP Photo/P.K. Weis)**

has treated her since she arrived in Houston in late January.

Now, however, at the end of each day "she will be with her family," Kelly said. The congresswoman will move to Kelly's home in

League City, a suburb near the Johnson Space Center, where she will have 24-hour help from a home care assistant. The 41-year-old was shot in the left side of the brain, the part that controls speech and communication, on Jan. 8 while meeting with constituents in Tucson. Six people were killed and 13 wounded in the attack, including the lawmaker and members of her staff. Her release from the hospital was met with excitement.

"When I went home from the hospital after surgery, I was so nervous, but boy it's wonderful to be home in your own surroundings, to be able to have things on your own schedule," said Ron Barber, who also survived the shooting.

"I'm sure it'll be uplifting and healing for her, too," he said.

Jordan Grafman, director of the Traumatic Brain Injury Research Laboratory at the Kessler Foundation Research Center in New Jersey said being around family often motivates patients. □

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# Exotic dancer discloses Weiner e-mail exchange

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**NEW YORK** – The Friars Club, known for its provocative celebrity roasts, was the unlikely, if fitting, backdrop for the latest development in the tragicomedy that has become Rep. Anthony D. Weiner's political life.

Ginger Lee, an exotic dancer and former pornographic film actress who said she had received sexually explicit messages from Weiner, stood wide-eyed and largely silent before a bank of microphones Wednesday, as her lawyer, Gloria Allred, told reporters that Lee wanted "to speak the truth about her relationship with congressman Anthony Weiner."

Lee did not take any questions, but she read from a statement that she and Weiner had communicated electronically "on a



**Ginger Lee, a former porn actress, speaks at a press conference at the Friars Club in New York, on June 15, 2011. Lee said that Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) told her to lie about their contact online and that she did not reciprocate his sexual messages.**

(Richard Perry/The New York Times)

fairly regular basis." But, she added, "I did not sext Anthony Weiner."

"I did not send photos to him or receive any from him," she continued. "Any

time that he would take our conversation in a sexual direction, I did not reciprocate."

Allred, a celebrity lawyer, said that while her client was interested in chatting with Weiner about politics, the congressman "would try to take it to another level, mentioning his 'package.'" She added that Lee had saved her email exchanges – about 100 – with Weiner.

"The only emails I will talk about today are the ones that support what he said about his package," Allred said, before reading snippets from several messages that she said Weiner had sent Lee.

"I have wardrobe demands too, I need to highlight my package," Allred said. Then she turned to another email: "Alright. My package and I are not going to beg."

"We both see the hazard of going down the path of comparative sexiness," the email continued. "At least with you the intrusion ends

after a few gawks. I get dragged into long commentary sessions at the corner bodega."

In a third email Allred read from, Weiner, a New York Democrat, told Lee, "You aren't giving my package due credit."

The news conference, however, raised as many questions as it answered. Both Allred and Lee said that Lee felt compelled to come forward after receiving messages from someone who threatened to release an unauthorized statement in Lee's name. But when pressed about the threat, they did not provide any details.

Lee affirmed a statement she made earlier, that Weiner had coached her to lie as the scandal began to implode.

"He asked me to lie about our communication," she said. "On June 2, he called me and told me what to say and do and how to deal with the mounting pressure from the press and how to handle it."

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# As exit neas, Gates speaks bluntly of U.S. allies

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**WASHINGTON** Robert M. Gates has 15 days left as secretary of defense – just ask him – and has become ever more unleashed from the constraints of the job. So in a hearing Wednesday, when Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., demanded to know how long the United States would support Pakistan, or as he put it, “governments that lie to us,” Gates, a former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, had an unvarnished answer. “Well, first of all, I would say based on 27 years in CIA and 4 1/2 years in this job, most governments lie to each other,” Gates said in his flat Kansas twang.

“That’s the way business gets done.” The crowd in the Senate Appropriations Committee hearing room laughed, but Leahy pressed on. “Do they also arrest people that help us?” Leahy testily inquired, referring to Pakistan’s arrest of some of the Pakistani informants who fed information to the CIA in the months before the raid that led to Osama bin Laden’s death. “Sometimes,” Gates said placidly, and then added, “And sometimes they send people to spy on us, and they’re our close allies.” The hearing was Gates’ last appearance before Congress as defense secretary, and it is safe to say that for

him, it did not come a moment too soon. Gates has increasingly lost patience with what he considers the most unappetizing part of the job, testifying to the

into a life of writing books lakeside near Seattle. “Secretary Gates, I look forward to you coming home to our home state,” Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said

tary forces,” Gates said, echoing tough remarks he made last week in Brussels about how NATO was not contributing enough to the war in Afghanistan.



**Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, left, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, right, take their seats to testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee in Washington, on June 15, 2011. Gates and Mullen testified on the proposed military spending cuts while warning against closing foreign military bases.**

(Philip Scott Andrews/The New York Times)

House and Senate, where he has been grilled about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Pentagon budget, repealing “don’t ask, don’t tell” and dozens of other contentious issues. Wednesday’s hearing, to answer questions about the \$671 billion the Pentagon is requesting from Congress for next year, was in fact mostly a love fest as members of the committee lavished praise on Gates. On June 30 he is due to walk out of the Pentagon and

at one point in the hearing. “I know you must be looking forward to that.” “Fifteen days,” Gates replied, to laughter. At another point, Gates referred to a NATO fund to pay for the training of the Afghan security forces as “a joke” because of paltry contributions from the European allies. “It’s about 350 million euros at a time when the United States is spending billions of dollars to support the development of those mili-

At another point, Gates defended President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, who frequently criticizes the United States, particularly when Afghan civilians die in airstrikes, and who has exasperated the Obama administration since its inception. “Yes, he reacts publicly to things that are done and said,” Gates said. “He’s very sensitive to civilian casualties. This has been a continuing theme. It’s not a surprising theme.” □

## NYC terror plot case stumbles

JENNIFER PELT  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Two men accused of a synagogue bomb plot won’t face the most serious charge initially brought against them in a rare state-level terror case that city officials trumpeted but federal terrorism authorities declined to pursue. A grand jury didn’t indict Ahmed Ferhani and Mohamed Mamdouh on an initial charge of second-degree conspiracy as a terror crime, which carried the potential for life in prison without parole. They pleaded not guilty Wednesday to lesser state terror and hate-crime charges, including criminal possession of a weapon as a terror crime, punishable by up to 32 years behind bars. The men also face lesser counts of terror conspiracy and hate-crime conspiracy. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly and District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. said the remaining charges still accuse the men of posing a legitimate threat to the city’s Jewish community. But defense lawyers said the development reflects a case that had been overblown. “The charges have been greatly reduced,” Mamdouh’s lawyer, Aaron Mysliwiec, said after court. “Without even hearing from the defense, a grand jury decided that the original sensational allegations were not true.” □



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## New York public library buys Timothy Leary's papers



Files that kept records of drug-induced trips, from a collection, belonging to Harvard psychologist and psychedelic explorer Timothy Leary in New York, June 14, 2011. The collection, purchased by the New York Public Library from the Leary estate, reveals a record of Leary's life, and of the lives of nearly all the significant cultural figures in the '60, '70s and '80s.

(Librado Romero/The New York Times)

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When the Harvard psychologist and psychedelic explorer Timothy Leary first met the Beat poet Allen Ginsberg in 1960, he welcomed Ginsberg's participation in the drug experiments he was conducting at the university. "The first time I took psilocybin – 10 pills – was in the fireside social setting in Cambridge," Ginsberg wrote in a blow-by-blow description of his experience taking synthesized hallucinogenic mushrooms at Leary's stately home. At one point Ginsberg, naked and nauseated, began to feel scared, but then "Professor Leary came into my room, looked in my eyes and said I was a great man."

Ginsberg's "session record," composed for Leary's research, was in one of the

335 boxes of papers, videotapes, photographs and more that the New York Public Library is planning to announce that it has purchased from the Leary estate. The material documents the evolution of the tweedy middle-aged academic into a drug guru, international outlaw, gubernatorial candidate, computer software designer and progenitor of the Me Decade's self-absorbed interest in self-help. The archive will not be available to the public or scholars for 18 to 24 months, as the library organizes the papers. A preview of the collection, however, reveals a rich record not only of Leary's tumultuous life but also of the lives of many significant cultural figures in the '60, '70s and '80s. Robert Greenfield, who combed through the archive when it was kept

in California, for his 2007 biography of Leary, said: "It is a unique firsthand archive of the 1960s. Leary was at the epicenter of what was going on back then, and some of the stuff in there is extraordinary." Leary, who died in 1996, coined the phrase "Turn on, tune in, drop out" and was labeled by Richard M. Nixon as "the most dangerous man in America." He was present in Zelig-like fashion at some of the era's epochal events. Thousands of letters and papers from Ginsberg, Aldous Huxley, William Burroughs, Jack Kerouac, Ken Kesey, Charles Mingus, Maynard Ferguson, Arthur Koestler, G. Gordon Liddy and even Cary Grant – an enthusiastic LSD user – are in the boxes.

"How about contributing to my next prose masterpiece by sending me (as you sent

Burroughs) a bottle of SM pills," Kerouac wrote Leary, referring to psilocybin. "Allen said I could knock off a daily chapter with 2 SMs and be done with a whole novel in a month."

Denis Berry, a trustee of the Leary estate, said that the library paid \$900,00 for the collection, some of which is being donated back to finance the processing of the material. The rest will pay the estate's caretakers and then be divided among Leary's surviving

get beyond the "myth making" around '60s figures. "Hopefully we'll be able to get to some of the truth of it here," he said.

The complete documentation of Leary's early experiments with psychotropic drugs, for example, can allow scholars to assess the importance of that work in light of current clinical research on LSD, Stingone said. Berry called the Harvard data "the missing link." The meeting between Ginsberg and Leary marked an



A photo, from a collection, belonging to Harvard psychologist and psychedelic explorer Timothy Leary in New York, June 14, 2011.

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children and grandchildren. Berry said the estate had been looking for a buyer for the archive for years. William Stingone, curator of manuscripts at the library, predicted that the collection would help researchers

anchor point in the history of the 1960s drug-soaked counterculture. Leary, the credentialed purveyor of hallucinatory drugs, was suddenly invited into the center of the artistic, social and sexual avant-garde. □





## Aruba participates with Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance

**ORANJESTAD** - Declines in marine and coastal ecosystems due to human activities such as overfishing and pollution could be reversed if organizations, communities, government and other stakeholders adopt a more integrated approach to managing coastal environments and marine resources. This is the main message that the president of the Aruba Marine Park Foundation, (AMPF), came away with after being invited to attend the first bi-annual meeting of the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance, (DCNA) for 2011.

"The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance is a regional network of protected areas set up to help and assist the park management organizations on the islands of Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, St Eustatius and St Maarten to better safeguard our unique natural world and to promote sustainable nature management". DCNA became official in 2005 and their office is based on the island Bonaire. The organization's board is made up of members from the six Dutch Caribbean territories, each representing either a marine park or eco-protected area.

The Dutch Lottery and the ministry of the interior for The Netherlands are both financial sponsors for the DCNA and along with other sponsors the organization has been able to provide funding, technical support, training and various other forms of support to its members. The Aruba Marine Park Foundation was founded in December 2010.

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## Challenge Cup for Mark Tjon

# Windsurf club ends season with awards



**ORANJESTAD** – Ethan Westera has become the club champion of the Wind Racers Club Aruba (WRCA) in both the Slalom and Freestyle categories. Last weekend WRCA-chairman Rob Grijpma handed out beautiful trophies to all winners: Westera, Mathias Verploeg en Sam Kaffener.

Big surprise for everyone was the announcement of the winner of the WRCA Challenge Cup. This year it didn't go to a champion but to upcoming talent Mark Tjon. "A local boy with a great attitude and who is very eager to learn. Mark was the only Superkid that made it to the finishline 2 weeks ago, when WRCA organized a long distance race from Nikki Beach Club to Barcadera. To finish this race, you need a lot of different windsurf techniques," says Grijpma.

14 Year old Nik van den Eerenbeemt was also men-

tioned. Halfway the racing season he made the decision to move up one class, from Pro-Kids to Juniors, a class you can join when you are 15 years or older. Nik had more challenges in the higher class and even made it second.

At the end of the awards dinner, Grijpma announced that after 3 years it's time for a new WRCA chairman. After the Aruba Hi-Winds Grand Slam from June 19 until July 4<sup>th</sup> the new chairman will be introduced.

### Slalom Champions WRCA: Juniors (15+)

1. Ethan Westera
2. Nik vd Eerenbeemt
3. Rens Grijpma
3. Nicole vd Velden
5. Rich Cecilia

### Pro Kids

1. Mathias Verploeg
2. Mack vd Eerenbeemt
3. Milan de Jonge
4. Tom Croes
5. Sil Grijpma

### Superkids

1. Sam Kaffener
2. Mark Tjon
3. Sjoerd Hoek
4. Darren Maris
5. Tim Hekman

### Freestyle Champions WRCA:

1. Ethan Westera
2. Nik vd Eerenbeemt
3. Berend Pronk
4. Steven Lageveen
5. Mathias Verploeg. □





## Aruba Marine Park gets Support

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This is the first step for Aruba to finally move towards the direction of attaining a marine park, which has been long overdue on an island that sees about 1.4 million tourist per year. Rudy Davelaar, the first president of the board of the AMPF is excited and hopeful.

For the first time in history it looks like Aruba might be going in the same direction as the other islands. We have the terrestrial Parke Arikok, which covers a huge portion of the island of Aruba, (about 18%), and offers a variety of protection and nature experiences for locals and visitors and with the implementation of a marine park, Aruba will finally join the other six islands as a unique "biodiversity hot spot" in the Caribbean. The AMPF made its presentation to the council of ministers in May 2011. Since then the ball has been back in the government's court in order to decide on the implementation of the Aruba Marine Park.

"I am grateful to the DCNA and Parke Arikok for inviting the AMPF to this meeting. I am particularly happy to have been there personally and see what DCNA is about. A meeting like this gives you a boost and inspires you to fight harder for a goal like the Aruba Marine Park. There is so much information during these meetings and you get to see the other island's approach to the same problems that we face in Aruba".

Davelaar said that it doesn't surprise him that during the DCNA meeting he found out that all the islands have the same type of challenges. The two main problems are funding and the lack of support from the local island governments, which includes local government funding. "I am not bashing or criticizing the government but worldwide you can see that there is not enough done by governments in order to provide funding, support or initiative to help in nature preservation, conserva-



tion and protection. I can't speak for the government or any politician. As a matter of fact, most of the time I speak as a person and not even as the president of the AMPF, but if you want to be honest, we have managed to ignore the many warnings that Mother Nature has issued worldwide. No, I am not a "chain me to the fence or extreme nature conservationist". I am just a guy who knows that we have to clean up our own mess and protect our environment and natural resources". We need to find ways to reverse some of the damage and start to teach others about the need for protection of our natural resources, biodiversity, eco-systems and habitats. In short, we need to provide education on nature preservation and why this is so important for our islands.

Not to sound philosophical but if you look at life as we know it, there is a cycle of life and this cycle exists because smaller cycles where each cycle has elements that have their place in that cycle. If one element is not present in the cycle, this will affect the previous and next elements in the cycle. How much it will affect the cycle depends on how much of that element is gone or destroyed. For example, if we look at the Lion Fish problem in Aruba, this is a huge threat in our marine life cycle.

If the Lion Fish continues to eat the reef fish, this will cause an unbalance marine life cycle and this will affect our way of life, the coral reef eco-system, economy, fisheries and many more. It may look like a strange comparison, but when you look it and



you understand what and how this fish is causing this type of damage, you can understand how just one problem can affect our environment and nature. Since this threat has no natural way to counter balance it, we have to give a helping hand to nature and in this case catch the Lion Fish in order to help the marine environment. This is for instance one of the problems that the DCNA members are dealing with. It's not just a local problem but it is a problem, which affects all the members and since no government department on any of the other islands is involved with the management of marine protection, the managing organizations, which are all managing on behalf of the local governments have the task to protect, preserve, conserve and educate on the natural resources and environmental protection. The reality is this. The governments of the islands have a responsibility to provide nature conservation but when you look at it, the government is always managing the parks through a

had a special relationship with nature preserve and conservation on all the six islands. Since the days of Prince Bernard the Royal family has been involved in one way or another with the parks. For instance, the Parke National Arikok visitor center here in Aruba was inaugurated by Princes Magriet in 2010 and this year Her Majesty Queen Beatrix will also be visiting all the islands again. This would be an ideal occa-



NGO, which does the actual conservation work. It has many advantages to run the parks through a NGO because the NGO's for instance can do this objectively. Government funding is always an issue, but if the NGO's have the support and tools from the government it will make it easier for the NGO's to implement and maintain these parks on behalf of the government.

With the 10-10-2010 constitutional changes on the five other islands, The Netherlands has officially "gained" more territory in terms of natural parks and the Royal House has always

sion for Aruba to go into history with the inauguration of a marine park in Aruba if this can be done by Her Majesty.

"Implementation of a marine in Aruba will not only benefit the people but it will also show that the government is finally committed after nearly twenty years of just marine park rumors", says Davelaar as he breaks into one of his rare smiles. "As long as I live on this paradise, I will help to educate on the environment and on nature conservation. We are lucky to be able to live on such a beautiful place, so we must protect it and conserve it". □



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As it turns out in Spain and Italy, "reserva" and "riserva", are regulated terms controlled by law, ensuring that the marked wines enjoy some additional aging. In Portugal the same term indicates that the wine has

an alcohol level of at least 0.5 percent above the regional minimum, and that it was made from a rated vintage.

In South America, Chile for example, the term "Reserve" indicates that the wine has an alcohol level of at least 12% percent or more, and in Argentina, South Africa and the United States of America, surprise, the term has no indication at all!

Nevertheless, Chef Jim's menu paired greatly with the wines selected among them Nederburg 2010, Sauvignon Blanc Reserve, Western Cape, South Africa, with a Goat Cheese appetizer, served on a bed of arugula salad, escorted by spiced walnuts, apple julienne and French honey vinaigrette, followed by Veramonte 2009, Chardonnay Reserve, Casablanca Valley, Chile, paired with a Tuna and Salmon duo of



sliced seared black peppered tuna loin escorted by a smoke salmon surprise, filled with salmon tartar and ginger infused cucumber.

The third course poured Castellani 2006, Chianti Reserve Tuscany, Italy, matched with a Carpaccio of raw thinly sliced tenderloin with warm mushrooms, duck liver curls, pine nuts, truffle cream cheese and port reduction, chase by Salentein 2009, Malbec Reserve, Uco Valley, Argen-

tina, presented with Beef Tenderloin with bacon and sweet onion comfit, served with truffle mashed potato and red port sauce.

The terrific dessert pitched a Kendall-Jackson 2006, Late Harvest Reserve, Chardonnay, with Chocolate Perfection, a cup cake filled with dark liquid chocolate, harmonizing with a poached pear.

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# Mexican journalists want U.S. asylum

LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ

Associated Press

**Mexico City** — Three Mexican journalists facing death threats in their native country urged the U.S. government Wednesday to speed up approval of their asylum petitions. Emilio Gutierrez Soto said he first received threats in 2005 after writing stories about alleged military involvement in drug trafficking in the northern state of Chihuahua. Three years later, his house was ransacked, and he received more threats. After filing complaints with the national government and getting little response, he fled the country in 2008 with his 15-year-old son. Gutierrez was held for more than seven months in a U.S. immigration detention center, until his story was aired on national television. His son was held for four months. The next hearing in his case is not likely to happen before 2012. Gutierrez called the drug war a cancer destroying his country, during a panel discussion at the National Association of Hispanic Journalists' annual meeting in the central Florida suburb of Lake Buena Vista. The former reporter for Ciudad Juarez's El Diario newspaper said losing his country was harder even than the death of his parents. He pleaded with the U.S. government to make a decision in his case and those of his fellow journalists. "We are living in a legal limbo," said Gutierrez, who has a temporary work permit but has yet to find a job. "We are unable to have any emotional, familial or employment stability." Reporter Ricardo Chavez Aldana, a native of Ciudad Juarez, attacked the drug cartels on his radio show until his nephews were killed outside their home. He says he and his wife, mother and son received repeated death threats until they crossed the border into El Paso, Texas. □

# ATF officials knew of disputed Mexico gun program

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MEXICO/WASHINGTON —

Knowledge of Operation Fast and Furious, a controversial border security strategy that allowed guns to be shipped illegally into Mexico in an effort to track them to drug cartels, went to the top of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, according to evidence released Wednesday at a House Oversight Committee hearing. The operation, which began in 2009, came under fire after two guns linked to it were found at the scene of the killing of a U.S. Border Patrol agent, Brian A. Terry, in Arizona in 2010. Members of Terry's family testified at the hearing.

The acting director of ATF, Kenneth E. Melson, and his acting deputy, William J. Hoover, were "keenly interested" in the operation and received weekly updates on its progress, according to internal emails released for the first time by the Oversight Committee's chairman, Darrell Issa, R-Calif.

At the hearing, Republicans pressed a Justice Department witness as to who else in Washington authorized the operation or was aware of it.

The witness, Assistant Attorney General Ronald Weich, said releasing some of the documents that the committee sought would jeopardize ongoing prosecutions.

At one point, Issa held up an entirely redacted page from evidence submitted by the department and chided Weich for the department's response to a subpoena.

"How dare you make an opening statement of cooperation," Issa shouted at Weich. "You've given us black paper."

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings of Maryland, the committee's ranking Democrat, apologized to Weich for Issa's hostility. "You don't deserve that," Cummings said, adding that the committee needed to uphold "a certain level of integrity."



**John Dodson, an agent of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, testifies before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee in Washington, June 15, 2011. Three ATF investigators said that they were regularly ordered to ignore gun buyers in Arizona taking weaponry into Mexico to drug cartels during a U.S. operation called Operation Fast and Furious.**

(Philip Scott Andrews/The New York Times)

Democratic and Republican lawmakers also sparred when the conversation turned to Second Amendment rights.

At issue was whether the right to own guns ties the hands of law-enforcement officials pursuing weapons

traffickers.

Because buying guns is not illegal, suspects are usually prosecuted for making false statements on forms at gun dealerships about why they are purchasing the weapons, a relatively insignificant crime.

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, D-N.Y., began questioning an ATF witness about prosecutors' options in these cases, but Issa interrupted her, saying the subject was beyond the scope of the hearing.

"We're not here to talk about proposed gun legislation," he said.

Cummings and other Democrats objected. "I think it's certainly within the scope of this hearing to understand why we're not getting a full prosecution," he said.

Fast and Furious was part of Project Gunrunner, a broad ATF program aimed at stemming the flow of guns to criminal groups in Mexico. Since it began in 2006, Gunrunner has seized more than 10,000 firearms and led to the arrests of more than 800 suspects.

In 2009, ATF's Phoenix office began Fast and Furious, in which agents monitored but did not disrupt the sale of guns from U.S. stores to suspected "straw purchasers," people who obtain guns for criminal organizations. The goal was to track the guns to a major drug cartel. □

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## At impasse, Greek leader vows to reset cabinet

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**ATHENS** — Prime Minister George Papandreou of Greece said on Wednesday that he would reshuffle

his cabinet and request a vote of confidence in Parliament after talks with the opposition about a unity government foundered.

Earlier in the day, as thousands took to the streets to protest austerity measures, Papandreou offered to

step aside so that his Socialist party could form a coalition government with the center-right opposition, but only if the opposition would support a new bailout plan for the debt-ridden country. Greece needs to pass a new round of auster-



**A woman who collapsed after being tear-gassed by police is carried to a train station in Athens, Greece, on June 15, 2011. As thousands took to the streets to protest austerity measures on Wednesday, Prime Minister George Papandreou proposed to step down so that his Socialist party could form a coalition government with the center-right opposition.**

(Eirini Vourloumis/The New York Times)

ity measures by the end of the month in return for fresh loans from the International Monetary Fund and the European Union.

Papandreou's support has been plummeting, even within his party, and the Socialists appear to be lagging behind the center-right opposition for the first time since the current government was elected in 2009. With a five-seat majority in Parliament, Papandreou has been struggling to get his government fully behind the measures and to contain growing rifts within his party.

Antonis Samaras, the leader of the center-right New Democracy party, has opposed spending cuts. He has called instead for tax breaks and a renegotiation of the terms of Greece's agreement with its foreign creditors.

After hours of speculation, Papandreou went on national television just before 10 p.m. local time and an-

nounced the cabinet reshuffle. He also criticized the opposition for playing politics with the country's future.

Samaras defended his actions in a televised speech after Papandreou's appearance, saying it was impossible to participate with the Socialists because "they have lost the trust of both the Greek citizens and the markets."

Speaking of Papandreou, he said, "If he can govern, he shouldn't have asked us for support. If he can't, he should call elections."

On Wednesday, thousands of people joined a nationwide strike as Parliament prepared to debate what would be a second round of sharp reductions in government spending.

The measures are highly unpopular with Greeks, who have already suffered deep salary and pension cuts. "We had the first set of measures, that's over, now they want a second,"

said Angeliki Kolandretsou, 63, a retired private nurse who joined the nationwide strike Wednesday. "But what will we see from this? Nothing at all. It will just go to the banks." On Wednesday, the police fired tear gas and scuffled with protesters in the central Syntagma Square here. The demonstrators were largely peaceful and from across Greek society, but some in the crowd smashed the windows of a luxury hotel and tried to prevent legislators from entering Parliament. Police officials said they detained more than 20 people.

Violent and often theatrical protests have long been a mainstay in Greece, even before the financial crisis hit. But in a more telling sign of the depth of the anger, peaceful demonstrators have gathered daily in Syntagma Square for three weeks, some sleeping in tents, to protest the austerity measures. □

## World Briefs

### Nicaraguan lawmaker arrested in L.A.

**NICARAGUA/LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A Nicaraguan lawmaker on Wednesday was denied bail after his recent arrest on a 14-year-old warrant from Florida that accuses him of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering. U.S. Magistrate Judge John McDermott ordered Alejandro Solorzano to remain behind bars until he's transferred to Miami where he and four others were named in a 33-count indictment that was returned in February 1997. He and the others are accused of bilking millions of dollars from Egyptian businessman Hossam About Fotouh, who sought \$1.2 billion in financing for construction projects, by fabricating bank guarantees. In September 1995, Solorzano received about \$1.2 million that was transferred from his brother, Gabriel Solorzano, to a bank account in Costa Rica that he controlled, according to the indictment. □

### Earthquake strikes Papua New Guinea

**SYDNEY (AP)** — A strong earthquake struck early Thursday off an island in the Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea. No tsunami warning was issued, but the shaking was felt hundreds of miles (kilometers) away. Chris McKee of the country's Geohazards Program said there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The U.S. Geological Survey said the magnitude-6.6 quake struck just off the island of New Britain. It was at a depth of 13 miles (22 kilometers). McKee said strong shaking was felt in Rabaul, a New Britain town about 250 miles (400 kilometers) away. The area is along the Pacific Ring of Fire, an arc of volcanoes and fault lines that stretches around the Pacific Rim. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said there was no threat of a widespread tsunami. McKee said there had been no reports of any destructive waves. □

### Argentina has 1st gay divorce since law

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — Argentina is about to have its first gay divorce, not quite a year after a groundbreaking law legalized homosexual marriage. The Argentine Federation of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transsexuals says the divorce involves a female couple who have only been married since April 20. Federation president Esteban Paulon says theirs is the first divorce since July 2010, when Argentina became the first Latin American nation to authorize gay marriage everywhere in the country. Paulon says the breakup is due to an alleged infidelity. He identified the women as 46-year-old Angela and 25-year-old Vanesa, who tied the knot in Rioja province, 725 miles (1,170 kilometers) northwest of the Argentine capital, Buenos Aires. □

### Australians vent anger as volcano vents

**SYDNEY (AP)** — Stuart and Tina Gunn should be with their daughter by now. She is waiting for them in New Zealand, due to give birth to her first child at any moment. Instead, the English couple remained stuck at a Sydney hotel, waiting for ash spewing from a Chilean volcano to clear, and waiting to hear something — anything — from Qantas, the Australian carrier that was supposed to take them on the last leg of their journey. The Gunns are among tens of thousands of passengers grounded in Australia who have become increasingly frustrated at Qantas and other airlines. Many are having a tough time understanding why some airlines are choosing to cancel flights, while others aren't. The ash, which can damage jet engines, has crossed the Pacific from Chile, where a volcano has been erupting since June 4. More than 70,000 passengers in Australia and New Zealand have been at least temporarily stranded since the weekend. □



# Sudan leader al-Bashir to skip Malaysia forum

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** — Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, who is wanted on war crime charges, will skip an economic forum in Malaysia next week due to other engagements, officials said. The announcement came amid pressure from rights group Amnesty International for Malaysia to arrest al-Bashir if he enters the country. The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for al-Bashir for allegedly orchestrating atrocities in Sudan's Darfur region. Malaysian Foreign Minister

Anifah Aman told state-owned Bernama TV late Wednesday that al-Bashir canceled his trip because he had other pressing engagements and would instead send his foreign minister to the three-day forum that begins Sunday. An aide to Anifah confirmed his comments Thursday and said the cancellation of al-Bashir's visit had nothing to do with the ICC arrest warrants. The aide, who declined to be named because he is not authorized to speak to the media, couldn't give further details.

## Pakistan's military chief fights to keep his job

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**ISLAMABAD** — Pakistan's army chief, the most powerful man in the country, is fighting to save his position in the face of seething anger from top generals and junior officers since the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden, according to Pakistani officials and people who have met the chief in recent weeks.

Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, who has led the army since 2007, faces such intense discontent over what is seen as his cozy relationship with the United States that a colonels' coup, while unlikely, was not out of the question, said a well-informed Pakistani who has seen the general in recent weeks, as well as a U.S. military official involved with Pakistan for many years.

The Pakistani army is essentially run by consensus among 11 top commanders, known as the Corps Commanders, and almost all of them, if not all, were demanding that Kayani get much tougher with the Americans, even edging toward a break, Pakistanis who follow the army closely said.

Washington, with its own hard line against Pakistan, had pushed Kayani into a defensive crouch, along with his troops, and if the general was pushed out, the United States would face a more uncompromising anti-American army chief, the Pakistani said.

To repair the reputation of the army, and to ensure his own survival, Kayani made an extraordinary tour of more than a dozen garrisons, mess halls and other institutions in the six weeks since the May 2 raid that killed bin Laden to rally support among his rank-and-file troops, who were almost uniformly anti-American, according to participants and people briefed on the sessions.

During a long session in late May at the National Defense University, the premier academy in Islamabad, the capital, one officer got up after Kayani's address and challenged his policy of cooperation with the United States. The officer asked, "If they don't trust us, how can we trust them?" according to Shaukaut Qadri, a retired army brigadier who was briefed on the session. Kayani essentially responded, "We can't," Qadri said.

In response to pressure from his troops, Pakistani and U.S. officials said, Kayani had already become a more obstinate partner, standing ever more firm with each high-level U.S. delegation that has visited since the raid to try and rescue the shattered U.S.-Pakistani relationship. □



A huge explosion near a United Nations compound in South Kordofan state, Tuesday, June 14, 2011. The fighting in Abyei comes as air bombardments have taken place in the north-south border region of South Kordofan. Southern Sudan secedes from the north on July 9. Violence has flared in the run-up to the independence declaration.

(AP Photo)

The Sudanese leader remains in power, rejecting the charges and the Netherlands-based court, which has no police force and relies on member states to

execute its orders and warrants. Malaysia is not an ICC member, but in March it announced its intention to join. London-based Amnesty International said earlier

this week that Malaysia's invitation to al-Bashir "flies in the face of its decision to join the ICC" and called for al-Bashir to be arrested if he turns up. □

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# Iran launches satellite, shows technological progress

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Iran said it launched a satellite into orbit on Wednesday that Western aerospace experts said could be used for limited military reconnaissance and also to monitor crops and track damage from earthquakes, flooding and other natural disasters. It was the second time that an Iranian rocket has carried a satellite into orbit and took place more than two years after Iran joined the international space club by launching its first satellite. Iran released few details about the satellite, which it calls Rasad-1, or Observation-1. Western experts said it weighed about 100 pounds – meaning that the light payload and the modest rocket carrying it bear little resemblance to an intercontinental missile and its heavy warhead. Still, aerospace experts said the successful launch demonstrated Iranian engineers' growing skill and

contrasted with the repeated failures endured by North Korea in trying to place payloads into orbit. "It's a significant step forward for the Iranians," said Charles P. Vick, an expert on Iranian rockets at GlobalSecurity.org, a private research group in Alexandria, Va. The launch did not come

then was delayed. "It's taken them far longer than they advertised," Vick said in an interview. The reason, he added, appeared to be managerial failures and "sanctions that have been having a significant impact on their getting foreign technology and hardware." He described the Iranian satellite as an experimental craft designed mainly for tracking the Earth's resources from space. But the spacecraft, he said, "could also be used for low-resolution reconnaissance." Iranian news reports said that the Rasad-1 was built by the Malek-Ashtar University. Analysts in the U.S. intelligence community view the university as having close ties to the Revolutionary Guard, the Islamic Republic's main enforcers. Iranian scientists have long hailed the benefits of Earth-observation satellites for tracking floods, fighting fires, gauging earthquake damage, finding evacuation routes and identifying high-risk areas. In February, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced plans to launch several Iranian-built satellites this year, including at least one for reconnaissance. He also repeated a claim that Tehran would send an astronaut into space by 2020. □



**Members of Iran's opposition living in Turkish capital shout slogans as they stage a protest against human rights violations in their country, near the Iranian embassy in Ankara, Turkey, Wednesday, June 15, 2011**

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as a surprise to those who monitor Iran's efforts. "Everybody's been expecting this," said Marcia S. Smith, founder of SpacePolicyOnline.com, a news blog in Arlington, Va. Vick noted that the Iranians had announced that Rasad-1 would be lofted last summer, but the mission

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# Hemingway's Madrid: Bulls, blood, sand and sherry

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In the Legazpi neighborhood of Madrid, a vast complex of early 20th-century buildings of ornate stone and brick sits near the banks of the Manzanares River. For most of the 20th century, the Matadero Madrid, as the compound is known, was the city's main slaughterhouse; its robust stench lingered far beyond the high stone walls surrounding it and deep into the working-class neighborhood nearby.

In the late 1930s, though, that odor did nothing to deter a young bullfighting-obsessed American writer living in the city from frequenting the slaughterhouse.

"This is where the old women come early in the morning to drink the supposedly nutritious blood of the freshly killed cattle," he later told A.E. Hotchner, his biographer. "Many a morning I'd get up at dawn and come down here to watch the novilleros, and sometimes even the matadors themselves, coming in to practice killing, and there would be the old women standing in line for the blood."

These days, you won't find the matadors or the old women: The Matadero has been converted into a dynamic new art center. On a recent visit, I took in an exhibi-

tion of Latin American designers – but I wasn't really there for the art.

I was instead following the tracks of that American writer, Ernest Hemingway. Hemingway is associated with a handful of places around the planet – most notably Paris, Pamplona, Havana, Key West and Ketchum, Idaho, where he took his own life in July 1961. But none may have held a warmer spot in his heart than Madrid, which he called "the most Spanish of all cities," referring to its diverse population from every region of the country. He also titled a short story based in Madrid "The Capital of the World."

"Don Ernesto," as he was known to the Spanish, spent enough time in Madrid – he was there for chunks of the late 1920s, late 1930s, and parts of the 1950s, with his last visit in 1960 – that he left a distinct, mostly booze-stained trail.

With the exception of the revamped Matadero, the modern version of Hemingway's Madrid is an old-school itinerary of bars, bullfighting arenas and restaurants. So in advance of the 50th anniversary of his death, I set out to experience all that drew Hemingway back again and again to the city.

After starting my tour at the Matadero, I met up

with my wife, Jessie Sholl, in front of our hotel, the Tryp Gran Vía, one of the spots where Hemingway stayed (the second-floor breakfast room, named for the writer,

boulevard Hemingway described as Madrid's answer to Broadway and Fifth Avenue combined, passing by Museo Chicote, a cocktail bar he frequented in the

with Stephen Drake-Jones, who has lived in Madrid for 35 years. "Welcome to the civil war," said Drake-Jones, a 61-year-old former University of Madrid history



The crowd applauds the performance of a bullfighter at Las Ventas, in Madrid, May 31, 2011. In advance of the 50th anniversary of Hemingway's death The Times sets out to experience all that drew Hemingway back again and again to the city of Madrid. Hemingway was very fond of bullfighting and often attended bullfights at Las Ventas.

(James Rajotte/The New York Times)

displays photos of him in various acts of masculinity like firing a gun or pulling in a huge fish from a boat). From there we headed down the Gran Vía, a wide

1930s, when it was popular with international journalists. We then zigzagged through the streets around Puerta del Sol, many recently made pedestrians-only, crossing narrow Calle Victoria, where Hemingway often purchased scalped bullfighting tickets.

We walked through leafy Plaza Santa Ana, home to Cerveceria Alemana, a 1904 beer hall that was such a favorite of Hemingway's that he had his own table (just to the right of the entrance, the only marbled table overlooking a window).

A couple of twists and turns later, we reached Calle de Echegaray, its cobblestones shining from a morning rain, and entered La Venencia, an old bar where men in flat caps and tweed jackets sipped sherry from tall, narrow glasses and barkeeps wrote their tabs in chalk on the bar.

We sat down at a table toward the back of the room

professor, referring to the three-year period, 1936 to 1939, that pitted left-leaning Republicans against the Fascists. Drake-Jones runs a tour company called the Wellington Society of Madrid. A native of Leeds, England, Drake-Jones gives a popular Hemingway-themed tour and has an encyclopedic knowledge of the writer's time in Madrid.

As he pushed glasses of crisp manzanilla sherry toward us, Drake-Jones explained that La Venencia was – and, in some ways, still is – a haunt for Republican sympathizers.

"During the civil war," he said, "this bar was frequented by Republican soldiers. Hemingway would come here a lot to get news from the front" – in the late 1930s, he was reporting on the war for the North American Newspaper Alliance – which would later inform "For Whom the Bell Tolls," his novel about the war. □



People smoke cigars and drink at the bar before the start of a bullfight at Las Ventas, in Madrid, May 31, 2011.

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## Camel's nose under the wheel?

MAUREEN DOWD

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WASHINGTON – I guess you don't get to be the richest man in Saudi Arabia without being able to sum up a situation quickly.

When I called him in Riyadh on Tuesday night, the Arabian Warren Buffett, as the billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz al-Saud is known, was quite definite in his views on allowing Saudi women to drive. "We're not calling for diplomatic relations with Israel," he said. "We're just asking for ladies to drive the car. Please, give me a break. Even in North Korea, women can drive. It's a joke. The issue of women driving can happen tomorrow morning because it's not really an issue at all. Frankly speaking, we need strong political leadership to do it and get it behind us. What are we waiting for?" Of course, Prince Alwaleed is a pillar of modernity in the medieval kingdom. In his skyscraper office in Riyadh, women in tight jeans and suits rule the roost, working side by side with men, something that is forbidden elsewhere. Government offices in Saudi Arabia are segregated by gender. The prince made a point of hiring a woman, born in the holy city of Mecca, and training her to be the pilot of his private jet.

"Ladies can fly above but not drive on the street," he said dryly, noting: "My wife drives in the desert and in every city we go to immediately from the airport. She's an excellent driver – better than me, for sure."

In the '50s, at the height of the American mania for jokes and TV skits about ditz women behind the wheel, there was a saying: "Women drivers, no survivors." That takes on an ominous new meaning as Saudi women agonize over whether to join in a drive-in Friday – a national protest where women will take the wheel to see if they get thrown in the clink en masse. In 1990, 47 women

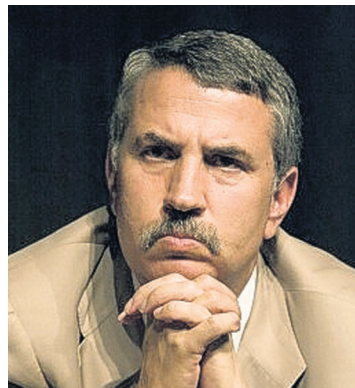


from the Saudi intelligence were so inspired by U.S. troops – and female soldiers – gathering in the kingdom for the first President Bush's war against Saddam that they went for a joy ride to protest Saudi Arabia being the only country where women can't drive. The fundamentalist clerics went into overdrive, branding the women "whores" and "harlots." They lost their jobs and were harassed. Their passports were revoked and they had to sign papers agreeing not to talk about the drive. When I interviewed some of them 12 years later, they were only beginning to shake off the vengeful backlash. For all the highfalutin talk of George and Laura Bush about how W.'s wars would help expand the rights of women in the Middle East, there's only so much pressure America can put on Saudi Arabia about letting women drive without jeopardizing the flow of oil that lets people drive here. President Barack Obama did not even mention Saudi Arabia in his big speech about the Middle East last month. Driving may not be as important an issue as the end of male guardianship, but it is the high-octane nexus where our hypocrisies interlock. The latest drive to drive started last month, a Twitter and Facebook feminist blossoming in the Arab Spring, following a Saudi "Day of Rage" in March where nobody showed up except the police.

King Abdullah passes for progressive in Saudi Arabia. (He just passed a decree allowing women, instead of men, to sell women lingerie.) Frightened by the uprisings all around him, he snuffed out wisps of democratic protests the Saudi way: with his checkbook. □



## Justice goes global



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You probably missed the recent special issue of China Newsweek, so let me bring you up to date. Who do you think was on the cover – named the "most influential foreign figure" of the year in China? Barack Obama? No. Bill Gates? No. Warren Buffett? No. OK, I'll give you a hint: He's a rock star in Asia, and people in China, Japan and South Korea scalp tickets to hear him. Give up? It was Michael J. Sandel, the Harvard University political philosopher. This news will not come as a surprise to Harvard students, some 15,000 of whom have taken Sandel's legendary "Justice" class. What makes the class so compelling is the way Sandel uses real-life examples to illustrate the philosophies of the likes of Aristotle, Immanuel Kant and John Stuart Mill.

Sandel, 58, will start by tossing out a question, like, "Is it fair that David Letterman makes 700 times more than a schoolteacher?" or "Are we morally responsible for righting the wrongs of our

grandparents' generation?"

Students offer competing answers, challenge one another across the hall, debate with the philosophers – and learn the art of reasoned moral argument along the way.

Besides being educational, the classes make great theater – so much so that Harvard and WGBH (Boston's PBS station) filmed them and created a public television series that aired across the country in 2009. The series, now freely available online (at [www.JusticeHarvard.org](http://www.JusticeHarvard.org)), has begun to stir interest in surprising new places.

Last year, Japan's NHK World TV broadcast a translated version of the PBS series, which sparked a philosophy craze in Japan and prompted the University of Tokyo to create a course based on Sandel's. In China, volunteer translators subtitled the lectures and uploaded them to Chinese websites, where they have attracted millions of viewers. Sandel's recent book – "Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?" – has sold more than a million copies in East Asia alone. This is a book about moral philosophy, folks!

Here's The Japan Times describing Sandel's 2010 visit: "Few philosophers are compared to rock stars or TV celebrities, but that's the kind of popularity Michael Sandel enjoys in Japan."

At a recent lecture in Tokyo, "long lines had formed outside almost an hour before the start of the evening event. Tickets, which were free and assigned by lottery in advance, were in such demand that one was reportedly offered for sale on the Web for \$500." Sandel began the lecture by asking: "Is ticket scalping fair or unfair?"

But what is most intriguing is the reception that Sandel (a close friend) received in China. He just completed a book tour and lectures at Tsinghua and Fudan universities, where students began staking out seats hours in advance. This semester, Tsinghua started a course called "Critical Thinking and Moral Reasoning," modeled on Sandel's. His class visit was covered on the evening news.

Sandel's popularity in Asia reflects the intersection of three trends. One is the growth of online education, where students anywhere now can gain access to the best professors from everywhere. Another is the craving in Asia for a more creative, discussion-based style of teaching in order to produce more creative, innovative students. And the last is the hunger of young people to engage in moral reasoning and debates, rather than having their education confined to the dry technical aspects of economics, business or engineering. □



# U.S. Open a tough test without being hard

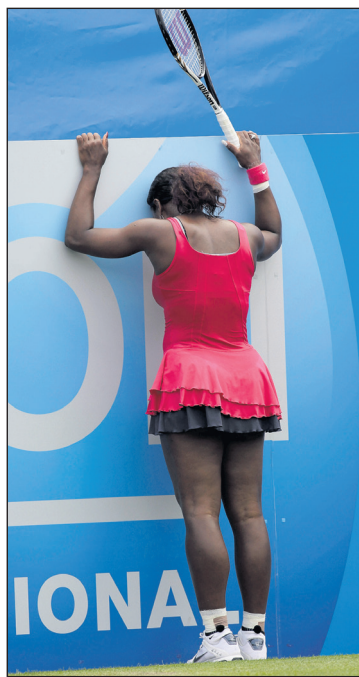
The cigar of Miguel Angel Jimenez, of Spain, rests in a golf ball styled holder on the practice tee as he warms up before a practice round for the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament in Bethesda, Md., Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

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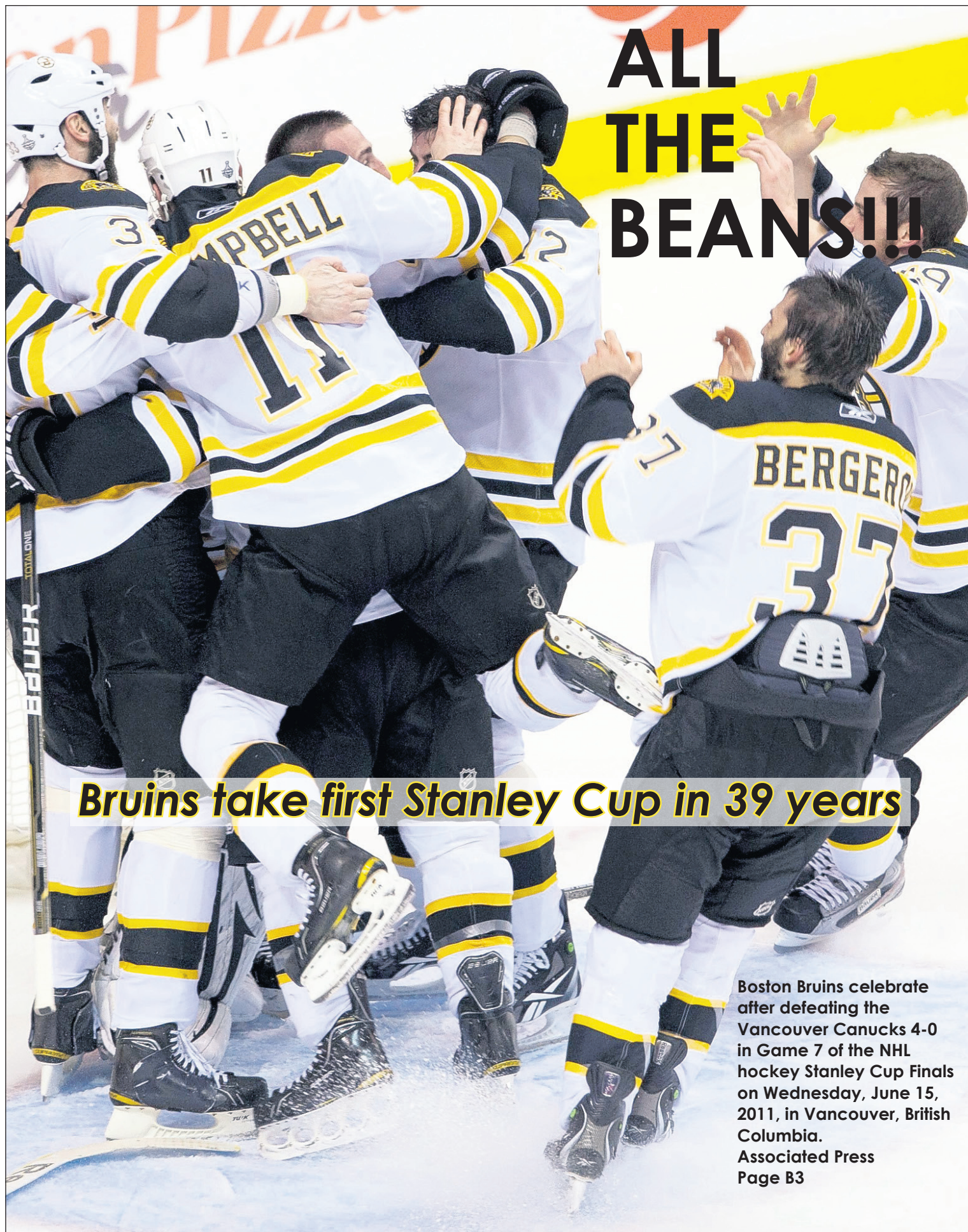


Serena Williams reacts during her second round match against Russia's Vera Zvonareva at the Eastbourne International grass court tournament in Eastbourne, England, Wednesday, June 15, 2011. Associated Press

### Serena knocked out by Zvonareva at Eastbourne

**CAROLINE CHEESE**  
AP Sports Writer  
**EASTBOURNE, England**  
(AP) — Serena Williams' comeback ran out of steam at Eastbourne on Wednesday as she lost 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5 to top-seeded Vera Zvonareva in the second round. Zvonareva came through a tense tussle in 3 hours, 12 minutes for only her second win in eight matches against the 13-time Grand Slam champion. "I know I can do better," Williams said. "I can improve and I'm so close to being there, it's good."

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Boston Bruins celebrate after defeating the Vancouver Canucks 4-0 in Game 7 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, in Vancouver, British Columbia. Associated Press  
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# U.S. Open a tough test without being hard

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**BETHESDA, Maryland (AP)** — Golf's second major championship of the year seems to have a new name: the U.S. Wide Open.

Only a small part of that is because of Tiger Woods. He's not at Congressional because of injuries to his left leg, and he has been missing from the top of leaderboards for more than a year. This is the first U.S. Open since 1999 that Woods is not ranked No. 1 in the world.

The top two players in the world ranking are Luke Donald and Lee Westwood, neither of whom has won a major. Parity has returned to golf so much so that 10 players have won the last 10 majors, and the last three major champions are still in their 20s.

But there's another reason why the U.S. Open figures to be up for grabs when it gets under way Thursday: No one is complaining.

Jack Nicklaus, a four-time U.S. Open champion, used to listen to players gripe about the narrow fairways, thick rough and rock-hard



**Luke Donald, of England, watches his drive from the fourth tee during a practice round for the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament in Bethesda, Md., Wednesday, June 15, 2011.**

greens and rule them out of contention. Before long, it was a short field he had to beat.

Congressional isn't getting much criticism this week. The last several years, the USGA has been trying make the U.S. Open live up to its reputation as the "toughest test in golf" without simply making the course as hard

as it could.

"If you're complaining about playing this course," Padraig Harrington said Wednesday, "you're complaining that you can't hit the shots,"

The Irishman, who has fallen out of the top 50 in the world, spent his final day of practice with Masters runner-up Adam Scott

and World Golf Championship winner Nick Watney. They're part of a field loaded with players who have won something, but no one who has won everything. The USGA didn't have the course exactly as it wanted because of oppressive heat the week before that kept them from cutting the green as low as usual, fear-

ful of them dying. Even so, there already were brown patches on some of them Wednesday, and Stewart Cink couldn't help but notice a sheen on the putting surfaces before the championship even begins.

About the only complaint from Harrington — more subject for architectural debate — was moving back the tee on No. 12 to make it play 471 yards. It took away the option of hitting a draw around the dogleg, and replaced it with another strong hole to start the back nine.

It was suggested to Harrington that Congressional already had ample length at the end.

"It's an ample start," he said. "And the middle is not that easy, either."

Some things never change. There was another Nicklaus comment that caught the attention of Geoff Ogilvy, who won the U.S. Open five years ago at Winged Foot. "The U.S. Open is 72 holes of bad breaks with the occasional surprise," Nicklaus once said.

"Which is kind of how it feels," Ogilvy added. □

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## America's Cup draws 8 challengers from 7 nations

**BERNIE WILSON**

**AP Sports Writer**

Eight challengers from seven nations have been confirmed for the opening race of the new America's Cup World Series in August in Portugal. Defending champion Oracle Racing of San Francisco will also be competing with two boats. Representatives from Oracle Racing, Team New Zealand, Artemis Racing of Sweden, China Team, Team Korea, Venezia Challenge of Italy and two teams from France, Energy Team and Aleph-Equipe De France, appeared together Wednesday in San Francisco, where the 34th America's Cup will be contested in 2013.

The identity of the eighth foreign challenger will be

announced in Europe on June 23.

Organizers had expected the numbers to shake out from the original list of 15 teams from 12 countries that filed entries earlier this year. "When we started back in September, this is where we thought it would be," said Iain Murray, an Australian sailor who is CEO of America's Cup Race Management and the regatta director. "We built 10 boats. It was pretty clear this is where we thought we'd end up. We're very pleased." The teams will sail 45-foot catamarans for the two seasons of the ACWS. A 72-foot catamaran will be used for the Louis Vuitton Cup for challengers and the America's Cup match in 2013, both on San

Francisco Bay.

The first stop of the AC World Series will be in Cascais, Portugal, from Aug. 6-14. The other regattas this year will be in Plymouth, England, from Sept. 10-18, and San Diego from Nov. 12-20. Oracle Racing, owned by software tycoon Larry Ellison, will sail two boats in the ACWS this season and next.

Since no other defense candidate has emerged, Oracle will need as much in-house competition as possible.

On Monday, Oracle Racing CEO Russell Coutts, a four-time America's Cup winner, generated some serious buzz for the sport when he capsized the AC45 he was sailing against syndicate skipper Jimmy Spithill. □



**From left, Russell Coutts of Oracle Racing, Wang Chao Yong of China Team, Dario Valenza of Venezia Challenge, Kevin Shoebridge of Emirates Team New Zealand, Philippe Ligot of ALEPH, Terry Hutchinson of Artemis Racing, Kim Dong-Young of Team Korea and Bruno Peyron of Energy Team pose together following the welcoming of competitors for the 34th America's Cup sailing event, Wednesday, June 15, 2011, in San Francisco.**

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# Boston Bruins win Stanley Cup, beat Vancouver 4-0

By **GREG BEACHAM**

AP Sports Writer

**VANCOUVER**, British Columbia – The Boston Bruins had waited 39 long years for another drink from the Stanley Cup, and Tim Thomas was awfully thirsty. When the Bruins and their brilliant goalie barged into a hostile Canadian rink surrounded by another 100,000 screaming fans outside for Game 7, they emerged with the championship they wanted. Thomas made 37 saves in the second shutout of his landmark finals performance, Patrice Bergeron and rookie Brad Marchand scored two goals apiece, and the Bruins beat the Vancouver Canucks 4-0 Wednesday night for their first championship since 1972. "I think I went even further than I thought," Thomas said. "I never envisioned three Game 7s in one playoff series and still being able to come out on top." Bergeron scored the eventual game-winner in the first period and added a short-handed score in the second to keep the Cup away from the Canucks, who have never won it in nearly 41 years of existence. Star goalie Roberto Luongo again failed to match Thomas' brilliance, giving up 18 goals in the last five games of the finals. Mark Messier and the New York Rangers won Game 7 in Vancouver's last finals

appearance in 1994. This time, Thomas silenced the NHL's highest-scoring team, erased nearly four decades of Bruins playoff blunders and crushed an entire Canadian city desperate to take the Stanley Cup to Stanley Park. Thomas limited the Canucks to eight goals in seven spectacular games in the finals, blanking Vancouver in two of the last four. Boston dropped the first two games in Vancouver but became just the third team since 1966 to overcome that deficit. "All the physical work we'd done throughout the whole series added up," Thomas said. "Being the last series, we didn't save anything, and we used that physicality again and that was the difference." Bergeron added a Stanley Cup ring to his gold medals from the Olympics and the world championships with his biggest game of a quiet series. He scored his first goal of the finals late in the first period on a shot Luongo saw too late, and Marchand added his 10th goal of the postseason in the second before Bergeron's short-handed goal, which inexplicably slid under Luongo. The Bruins are the first team in NHL history to win a Game 7 three times in the same postseason, and they drew another dose of inspi-



**Boston Bruins goalie Tim Thomas hoists the cup with the help of teammate Patrice Bergeron following the Bruins' 4-0 win over the Vancouver Canucks in Game 7 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, in Vancouver, British Columbia.**

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ration from forward Nathan Horton, whose concussion in Game 3 irrevocably changed the series' momentum. Horton attended Game 7, and he apparently poured a bottle of Boston water onto the ice in front of the Bruins' bench 90 minutes before warmups. He joined his teammates in the raucous postgame celebration, putting on his skates and taking a celebratory turn with the Stanley Cup held high above his head. Horton was lost for

the series with a concussion on a big hit from Vancouver's Aaron Rome. The Bruins rallied for four wins in five games after Horton's injury. During a two-week Stanley Cup finals that ranks among the NHL's weirdest in recent years, the only predictable aspect had been the home teams' dominance. Vancouver eked out three one-goal victories at home, while the Bruins won three blowouts in Boston. The loss capped a spectac-

ular collapse by Luongo, the enigmatic goalie who backstopped Canada to Olympic gold medals on this same ice sheet a year ago. Luongo was pulled from the Canucks' last two games in Boston after giving up 15 goals on the road, and he was fatally shaky in Game 7. Luongo praised his own positional game earlier in the series, but he didn't recover in time to stop Marchand's second-period goal. □

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# NBA and State Dept team up on trip to Venezuela

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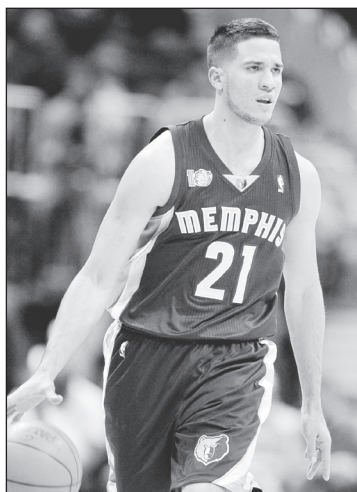
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Three current and former U.S. professional basketball players will participate in a State Department "sports diplomacy" effort in Venezuela this week at a time of icy diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Memphis Grizzlies guard Greivis Vasquez, a Venezuelan citizen who is already in the country, is teaming up with former NBA player Darvin Ham and former WNBA Player Kayte Christensen to hold basketball clinics for kids and meet with local sports officials.

"We want to help young kids understand life is more than basketball. It's more than sports," Vasquez said in a telephone interview from Venezuela Wednesday. "I want kids to understand that with hard work, everything is possible."

He said he had approached the U.S. Embassy in Caracas when renewing his visa about doing some work for the community.

Vasquez declined to comment whether the trip could help relations between the two nations. "I'm an athlete. I don't have any connection with the politics at all," Vasquez said. "It's a good sport to unite people ... The political side I can't control." Venezuela's foreign minister said last week



**This Dec. 2, 2010 file photo shows Memphis Grizzlies guard Greivis Vasquez (21), of Venezuela, bringing the ball down court against the Atlanta Hawks in an NBA basketball game, in Atlanta.**

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that relations between the two countries are frozen, and his government sees no possibility of improving them. That came after the U.S. imposed sanctions on Venezuela's state oil company for doing business with Iran. The foreign minister, Nicolas Maduro, said Venezuela had been trying to establish a dialogue with U.S. officials since Barack Obama became president, but those attempts were spurned. Still, Fabiola Rodriguez-Ciampoli, the U.S. deputy assistant secretary for public diplomacy in the State Department's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, told the AP that her

government remains open to a dialogue with Venezuela on a range of issues. She said that "public diplomacy" efforts like this week's trip are designed to support traditional diplomacy. Ann Stock, the State Department's assistant secretary of state for educational and cultural affairs, said in an interview that Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has talked about using "smart power" in diplomatic efforts. "She means using every tool at our disposal," said Stock, who oversees the sports diplomacy office known as SportsUnited. "A lot of that has to do with people-to-people engagement, but this tool we're using at our disposal right now is basketball, and it brings people together in ways that we often can't bring people together. ... All you need is a ball and a hoop." Stock added that Clinton has stressed that government-to-government relations can't do it alone. There is not much of that happening between the two countries, anyway, as they have been without ambassadors in each other's capitals since July 2010. President Hugo Chavez rejected Obama's nominee for ambassador, Larry Palmer, accusing him of making disrespectful remarks about Venezuela's government. □



## EASTBOURNE

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The No. 3-ranked Russian gained a measure of revenge for her 6-3, 6-2 loss in last year's Wimbledon final that turned out to be Williams' last match for almost a year as she recovered from a cut on her foot which led to blood clots on her lungs.

Williams drew on her trademark fighting spirit in the deciding set as she came back from 5-2 down to make it 5-5, saving three match points at 5-4. But Zvonareva immediately broke again and a tiring Williams couldn't muster another fightback.

On the day she was awarded a Wimbledon seeding of seventh, 19 places above her world ranking, Williams was beaten on grass for the first time since she lost the 2008 final at the All England Club to her sister Venus. However, the four-time Wimbledon winner said she was happy with her preparations for the defense of her title — and even hap-

pier that the foot injury was no longer troubling her.

"It was a good two matches for me," Serena said. "I couldn't be happier with the amount of tennis I played so it's good, just keep going."

"I haven't played in almost a year so I'm a little sore. But it's good that I'm sore now because hopefully next week I won't be as sore. (The foot) is holding up really well and I'm just really excited about that." Returning from her own injury layoff, Venus Williams had earlier reached the quarterfinals with a convincing 6-3, 6-2 win over Ana Ivanovic, and her younger sister looked set to join her in the last eight when she served for the match at 5-4 in the second set. But when facing a break point, Serena double-faulted and Zvonareva suddenly rediscovered her confidence. Leading 6-5 in the tiebreaker, the Russian drove a forehand into the corner, with Serena on her backside after slipping on the baseline. □

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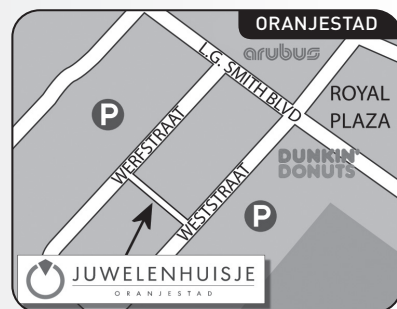
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# Verlander flirts with no-hitter, Tigers top Tribe

**DETROIT (AP)** — Justin Verlander almost pitched another no-hitter, taking his latest bid into the eighth inning to lead the Detroit Tigers past the Cleveland Indians 4-0 Tuesday and into first place in the American League Central.

With two no-hitters already on his resume, including one in Toronto last month, Verlander (8-3) struck out a season-high 12 and dominated the slumping Indians until Orlando Cabrera lined a clean single to center with one out in the eighth for his 2,001st career hit. The hard-throwing right-hander finished with a two-hitter, giving Detroit sole possession of the division lead for the first time this year.

He walked one, hit a batter with a pitch and has won six straight decisions. Andy Dirks drove in two runs for the Tigers, who have won 12 of 16.

Yankees left hander Jim Abbott was the last pitcher to hold Cleveland hitless on Sept. 4, 1993, in New York.

### Rays 4, Red Sox 0

At St. Petersburg, Florida, James Shields pitched his AL-leading third shutout for Tampa Bay to end first-place Boston's nine-game winning streak.

In addition to cutting into their deficit in the AL East standings, the third-place Rays ruined a Tropicana Field homecoming for Carl Crawford, who signed a \$142 million, seven-year contract with Boston after helping Tampa Bay win the division two of the past three seasons. Craw-

ford went 0 for 3 with one strikeout against Shields (6-4), who allowed five hits, walked three and struck out five en route to his AL-best fourth complete game.

Justin Ruggiano homered off knuckleballer Tim Lincecum (3-2) in the fifth and Tampa Bay added an unearned run without getting a hit in the sixth, when Evan Longoria scored on catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia's second passed ball of the inning.

### Yankees 12, Texas 4;

At New York, Curtis Granderson homered and drove in four runs, and Eduardo Nunez — filling in for an injured Derek Jeter — sparked a six-run second inning with an RBI single and New York beat Texas.

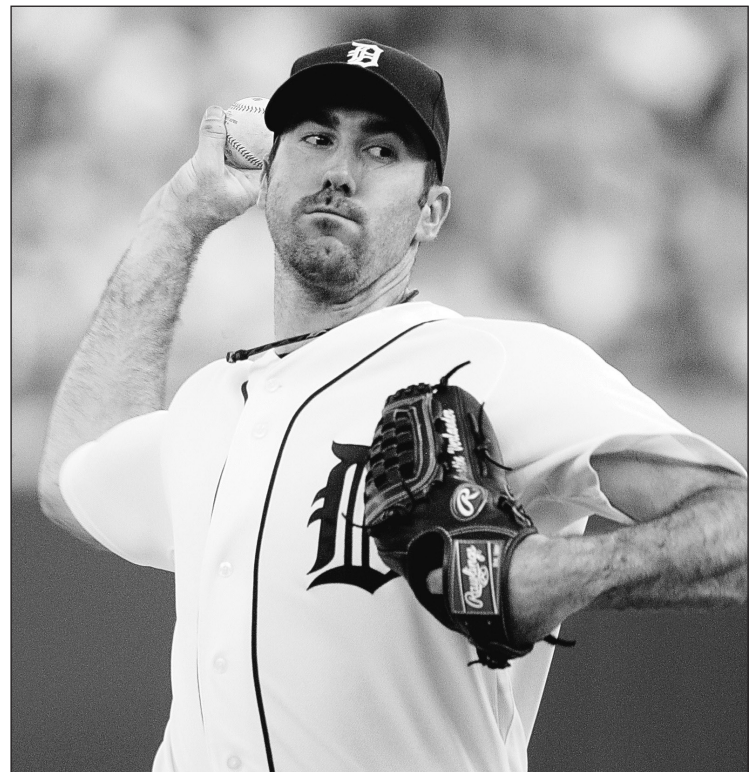
Robinson Cano and Nick Swisher also connected in the Yankees' first game since Jeter was placed on

the 15-day disabled list for the first time since 2003 because of a strained right calf.

Brett Gardner scored three of the four times he reached base, had an RBI single among three hits and stole his 100th base batting in Jeter's leadoff spot. Alex Rodriguez hit a two-run double for an efficient offense that scored 12 runs on 14 hits, two walks and a hit batter.

Granderson singled in two runs and Mark Teixeira had a two-run double in the second when New York batted around and knocked out Alexi Ogando, his second rough outing in the Bronx.

**In other AL games it was Detroit 4, Cleveland 0; Toronto 6, Baltimore 5, 11 innings; Tampa Bay 4, Boston 0; Kansas City 7, Oakland 4; and L.A. Angels 4, Seattle 0.**



Detroit Tigers starter Justin Verlander pitches against the Cleveland Indians in the third inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 14, 2011 in Detroit.

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# Weighing cancer risks, from cellphones to coffee



## U.S. births down for third year; economy may be factor

**MIKE STOBBE**  
AP Medical Writer

**ATLANTA (AP)** — U.S. births apparently have declined for a third year in a row, probably because of the weak economy.

Births had been on the rise for years, and the number hit an all-time high of more than 4.3 million in 2007.

But the count has been dropping since then. Last year, it fell 3 percent to slightly more than 4 million births, according to preliminary figures released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It's possible the decline is leveling off: The falling birth rate seemed to bottom out in October, November and December. However, it's too early to say whether that marks an end to the trend, said Paul Sutton, a CDC demographer who was the report's lead author.

The report is a first glimpse at 2010 births from state health departments. It doesn't include an actual review of birth certificates or specifics about what's going on in different groups of women. The CDC plans to do more analysis later.

However, the number usually is pretty close to the final statistics, officials said.

Experts believe the downward trend is tied to the economy, which officially was in a recession from December 2007 until June 2009 and is still flagging. The theory is that women who are unemployed or have other money problems feel they can't afford to start a family or add to it.

In 2008 and 2009, the only increase in births was in women older than 40 — considered more sensitive to the ticking of their biological clocks.

A drop in immigration to the United States, blamed on the weak job market, may be another factor in last year's decline. "Hispanics have higher birth rates," explained Dr. Roger Rochat, an Emory University researcher who has studied fertility and abortion trends. □

**By MARILYNN MARCHIONE**  
AP Medical Writer

You're sitting in a freshly dry-walled house, drinking coffee from a plastic foam cup and talking on a cellphone. Which of these is most likely to be a cancer risk?

It might be the sitting, especially if you do that a lot.

Despite all the recent news about possible cancer risks from cellphones, coffee, styrene, and formaldehyde in building materials, most of us probably face little if any danger from these things with ordinary use, health experts say. Inactivity and obesity may pose a greater cancer risk than chemicals for some people. "We are being bombarded" with messages about the dangers posed by common things in our lives, yet most exposures "are not at a level that are going to cause cancer," said Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, the American Cancer Society's deputy chief medical officer.

Linda Birnbaum agrees. She is a toxicologist who heads the government agency that just declared styrene, an ingredient in fiberglass boats and Styrofoam, a likely cancer risk.

"Let me put your mind at ease right away about Styrofoam," she said. Levels of styrene that leach from food containers "are hundreds if not thousands of times lower than have occurred in the occupational setting," where the chemical in vapor form poses a possible risk to workers. "In finished products, certainly styrene is not an issue," and exposure to it from riding in a boat "is infinitesimal," she said.

Carcinogens are things that can cause cancer, but that label doesn't mean that they will or that they pose a risk to anyone exposed to them in any amount at any time.

They have been in the news because two groups that periodically convene scientists to decide whether something is a carcinogen issued new reports.

Last month, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, part of the World Health Organization, said there is a possibility

cellphones raise the risk of brain tumors.

"The operative word is 'possibility,'" said Lichtenfeld, who among others has pointed out the thin evidence for this and the fact that cancer rates have not risen since cellphones came out.

Last week, the National Toxicology Program, part of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences — both of which Birnbaum heads — issued its report.

It adds to the list of known carcinogens formaldehyde, which is in building materials and some hair-straightening products, though Birnbaum said on-the-job exposure is the main concern. The list also adds a plant substance in some "natural" arthritis remedies, aristolochic acid. Six other things were dubbed "reasonably anticipated" to be carcinogens, including styrene and another herbal medicine ingredient, riddelliine (rih-DELL-eeen).

Since 1971, the international cancer agency has evaluated more than 900 substances. Just over 100 have been deemed carcinogens, 59 are called probable carcinogens, and 266 others are possible ones.

In this last category of possibles — besides the electromagnetic energy from cellphones — are coffee, engine exhaust and talc-based body powder. Talc in its natural form may contain asbestos, though products sold for home use since the 1970s have been asbestos-free. Again, most risk is thought to involve occupational or unusual exposure to natural talc.

The evidence on coffee has gone back and forth for years, with no clear sign of danger and some suggestions of benefit.

However, known carcinogens include alcoholic beverages, estrogen treatments for menopause symptoms, birth control pills, certain viruses and parasites, and even some drugs used to treat cancer, such as cyclophosphamide and tamoxifen.

"Most people would probably be shocked to see the

number of things they interact with every day" on these lists, Lichtenfeld said.

Here's the problem: The agencies that pass judgment on a carcinogen don't regulate it or determine what levels or routes of exposure are a concern and for whom.

"People immediately assume it's going to cause cancer at any exposure level, and that's simply not true," said A. Wallace Hayes, editor of the scientific journal Food and Chemical Toxicology, and an industry consultant.

The rule is "RITE" — Risk is equal to Toxicity times Exposure — and "they've left out half of the equation" by not saying how much exposure is a concern, Hayes said.

"The organizations that list these substances as possibly carcinogenic have to be conservative. That means if there's any reasonable evidence, way before it's a sure thing, they have to say, 'Let's be cautious.' That's their job — to raise the flag," said David Ropeik, a consultant and author of "How Risky Is It Really? Why Our Fears Don't Always Match the Facts."

It's human nature to fear risks we didn't choose, such as hazardous chemicals, more than those we did, such as lack of exercise, poor diets or smoking, he said.

"A risk that is imposed on us scares us more than a risk we take voluntarily," especially if it comes from companies we don't trust, Ropeik said.

Styrene is an example: The government says it is a component of tobacco smoke and that is the biggest way most people are exposed to it. Smoking, of course, is the most easily preventable cancer risk.

To minimize risk, people can take reasonable measures to avoid exposure to possibly harmful things, experts say.

"If you walk into a room and you can smell formaldehyde, you probably want to vent the room before you spend a lot of time in it. That's just common sense," Birnbaum said. □





Lynn Milos of Culinary Twist scans a Quick Response code on bottles of her grilling sauce at a store in San Mateo, Calif., June 2, 2011. Innovative small businesses are adopting sophisticated technology, like smartphone-readable codes and online chat, to improve customer service.

(Peter DaSilva/The New York Times)

## Bringing high-tech tools to customer service

JOHN GROSSMANN

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In Lynn Milos' previous business endeavors as a caterer and private chef, customer service was old school and face to face – the longstanding marketplace advantage enjoyed by small businesses over big businesses. Then Milos founded Culinary Twist in early 2010 with her husband, Eric Martel, to make and sell three exotic sauces called Bora Bora, Baja and Maya Bay. Selling through a distributor and West Coast food stores and specialty stores, Milos found the sudden disconnection with her customers disconcerting. In-store product tastings helped, but she knew she could not afford them or the personal time commitment on a continuing basis, which is why she was excited to learn of the high-tech offerings of a feedback-management company, Opinion Lab. "My heart was pounding through my shirt," Milos said, recalling the briefing she received. Opinion Lab's software is now in the early stages of enabling Culinary Twist, which is based in Foster City, Calif., to interact remotely with smartphone-toting shoppers – even while they are still in the store. □

## Guides for movie buffs

BOB TEDESCHI

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Of the more than 500,000 apps on the major mobile platforms, I'm aware of fewer than 10 with an average user rating of five stars – not counting apps that have been reviewed only by the developer's closest friends.

Of those garnering legitimate raves, Flixster (free on Apple, Android and BlackBerry), which helps moviegoers choose films and find nearby theaters, may have the widest appeal of all. It absolutely deserves a spot on the phone of any cinephile or casual movie buff. Unfortunately, while it's great, Flixster is not perfect. Movie lovers who occasionally like to buy tickets in advance, for instance,

should also consider Fandango (free on Apple, Android and BlackBerry), and people with a much deeper interest in movies and actors may also want to download IMDb and Moviefone in addition to Flixster. For most people, though, these extra apps are unnecessary, because Flixster already covers so much ground.

Flixster works both for people with a free hour to review the current slate of films, and those who decide at dinner time that they want to make the next show.

People with more time on their hands can peruse features like the Ten Commandments for Movie Audiences or the Summer Movie Preview, which in-

# A new Facebook app that eases way for ipad users

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Facebook has had mobile apps for some time, but iPad users have had to go without a native app.

Yes, you can access Facebook through the iPad's Safari Web browser or use the iPhone app on the iPad, but those options come with compromises: Facebook's website is not optimized for a touch screen, and the iPhone app is simply magnified (and blurrier) on an iPad.

That's what makes an app from Oecoway so intriguing. It has created Friendly for Facebook, a native iPad app that delivers the full Facebook experience in an iPad-friendly layout. Friendly has all of the abilities to post, check in and connect with people that Facebook allows, and Friendly adds other features.

One is the ability to edit photos.

Friendly lets you crop profile pictures and has a series of effects you can apply to photos, including making them black and white or sepia.

It also has a picture mode that shows all of the posts on your start page with the



An undated handout image of Vita from Sony. The PlayStation Vita, formerly the PlayStation NCP, was introduced Monday at the E3 video game convention in Los Angeles and is destined for stores later this year.

(The New York Times)

pictures blown up to full-screen width.

There is also a nice birthday button that will show birthdays in list form. Even the Web version of Facebook doesn't do that.

Friendly also allows a bit of customization. You can change the color of the header and some of the type and icons, and Friendly has a security PIN pad so you can lock out snoopers. I can quibble that the large number of features means that some controls are hidden on drop-down menus behind unlabeled arrows, so trying to find that control you used before can be annoying.

Also, the free version is ad-supported. If that bothers you, you can pay the 99 cents for the ad-free version.

Slightly worse was the occasional crash. Friendly just shut itself down a few times in midpost. That was decidedly unfriendly.

— ROY FURCHGOTT

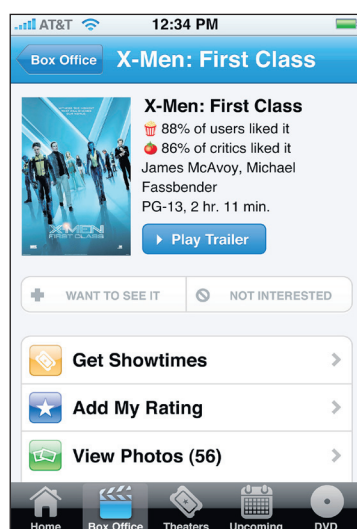
THE PLAYSTATION VITA, FROM THE FRONT AND THE BACK Here are some initial reactions to Sony's \$250 PlayStation Vita, formerly the PlayStation NCP, which was introduced Monday at the E3 video game convention in Los Angeles and is destined for stores later this year. On first glance, PS Vita (the short name) looks like a wide-body version of the PSP, with a bright 5-inch touch screen.

The familiar analog sticks and shoulder triggers work as expected. But when you add not one but two multi-touch surfaces (on the front and the back), six-axis motion sensors for lifting or tilting, front and back cameras and a microphone, you have lot of controls to tame.

In other words, this thing can be tricky.

Having touch surfaces on both the front and back lets you do things like mold a landscape, pushing up from underneath to make mountains, or down on the front screen to make valleys in the Vita edition of ModNation Racers.

Ports and slots include a USB port, slots for a memory card and a Vita Card (details unknown) and room for a SIM card slot for the 3G model, which costs an additional \$50 and works with an AT&T data plan. So, you can pause your PS3 game, save and continue playing on the way to work – same game, different screen, over Wi-Fi or a 3G network. Despite being significantly larger than the older PSP or the now-tiny PSPgo, PS Vita somehow feels lighter, which raises the question: Can a device so light and so large provide a full day of gaming on a single charge? And, if this thing catches on, will it start a fashion trend for large pockets? □



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## Business Briefs

### Late credit card payments hit pre-recession level

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Late payments on U.S. credit cards dropped to rates seen before the Great Recession, and defaults are also heading close to normal levels, reports from the nation's top six card issuers say.

A series of regulatory filings on Wednesday show that problem payments for most of the biggest card issuers were down to rates seen before the economic downturn. Most of the banks also reported multiyear lows for defaults, and with late payments dropping, those numbers should continue to improve through the next few months.

American Express Co. had the lowest rate of late payments and defaults. Bank of America, the largest U.S. card issuer, had the highest rates.

Banks wrote off more than \$75 billion in uncollected credit card debt in 2009 and 2010 alone. □

### Total completes \$1.3B solar deal

**SAN JOSE, California (AP)** — French oil producer Total SA completed its \$1.3 billion takeover of solar power company SunPower Corp., boosting the oil giant's renewable-energy presence.

Total said Wednesday it closed the deal, buying a 60 percent share of SunPower shares with an all-cash tender.

"Today marks a new stride forward for Total in the solar power industry," Total Gas & Power President Philippe Boisseau said in a statement.

SunPower CEO Tom Werner said the sale will help SunPower expand by boosting its market access and research and development program. SunPower designs and delivers solar electricity systems for businesses and homes.

U.S.-traded shares of Total fell \$2.09, or nearly 4 percent, to \$53.31 amid a broader market decline. □

### Chevron to explore for shale

**SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP)** — Bulgaria's government says it has granted U.S. oil company Chevron a permit to explore for shale gas in northeastern Bulgaria over the next five years.

The government said in a statement Wednesday that Chevron would prepare a five-year project worth €50 million (\$72 million) and invest €4 million (\$5.8 million) on environment protection.

California-based Chevron won a tender in May to explore for natural gas in shale deposits in Bulgaria. Initial estimates by the bidders showed potential reserves of between 300 billion and 1 trillion cubic meter of shale gas.

Bulgaria, which is almost totally dependent on Russian gas supplies, has repeatedly said that it wants to diversify its energy sources, including with shale gas. □



Joe Kennedy, third from left, CEO & President, and Tim Westergren, fourth from left, Chief Strategy Officer & Founder, of Pandora internet radio, ring the NYSE opening bell to celebrate their company's IPO at the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, June 15, 2011.  
Associated Press

## U.S. builders' outlook falls amid weakening sales



In this Feb. 20, 2011 photo, a sold home site is seen in Canonsburg, Pa. Home prices in a majority of major U.S. cities tracked by a private trade group have fallen to their lowest levels since the housing bubble crashed.

Associated Press

**DEREK KRAVITZ**  
AP Business Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The outlook among U.S. homebuilders has been grim all year. This month, it became grimmer.

An index that measures builders' sentiment for their industry fell three points in June to 13, the National Association of Home Builders said Wednesday. That's the lowest level in nine months. And it's just five points above the lowest reading

on record, in January 2009. That's when the home market was absorbing the brunt of the housing bust.

Any reading below 50 indicates negative sentiment about the market. The index hasn't reached that level since April 2006, the peak of the housing boom. Builders are finding it "extremely difficult to construct a new home and sell it at a price that covers the costs," said Bob Nielsen, chairman of the homebuilders' trade

group and a builder from Reno, Nev.

In addition, would-be buyers are having trouble selling their existing homes because of falling prices and tougher lending requirements. Many are also worried about the outlook for the economy.

An index that gauges sales expectations over the next six months dropped four points, to 15. That matched the lowest level on records dating back to 1985.

The builders' monthly index is calculated from a survey that characterizes sentiments about current and future sales as "good," "fair" or "poor."

Last year, the number of people who bought new homes hit its lowest level on records dating back nearly a half-century. This year is looking only marginally better.

The seasonally adjusted annual pace of new-home sales in April was 323,000, less than half the 700,000 units annually that economists consider healthy. Fewer homes mean fewer jobs. Each new home built creates an average of three jobs for a year and generates about \$90,000 in taxes, according to the builders' trade group. □





# Wild oil rally that began with Libya ends with Europe

CHRIS KAHN

AP Energy Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The financial crisis in Europe threatens to snuff out what's left of the four-month rally in oil that began in Libya.

Riots broke out in Greece on Wednesday over proposed austerity measures as the government struggles with a simmering debt crisis. Moody's ratings service said it may downgrade three big French banks that face losses on Greek bonds. The warning worried investors that Greece's problems could spread to other financially troubled European countries like Spain, Portugal and Ireland.

Europe consumes about 18 percent of the world's oil, and ongoing economic troubles there could slow demand for oil.

The dollar strengthened against other currencies on concerns about Europe's economy, with the euro losing 2 percent against the dollar. Oil tends to fall as the dollar rises because



**Police detain a protester during riots in central Athens on Wednesday, June 15, 2011.**

Associated Press

oil is priced in dollars and becomes more expensive for investors holding foreign currencies as the dollar gets stronger.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude plunged \$4.56, or 4.6 percent, on Wednesday to settle at \$94.81 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's the lowest level since late February. □

# China increases holdings of U.S. Treasury securities

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—China, the biggest buyer of U.S. Treasury debt, boosted its holdings in April, the first increase after five straight declines.

The Treasury Department said Wednesday that China increased its holdings by \$7.6 billion to \$1.15 trillion.

Total foreign holdings of Treasury securities rose 0.2 percent to \$4.49 trillion.

Japan, the second largest buyer of U.S. debt, trimmed its holdings slightly by \$1 billion to \$906.9 billion.

There had been concerns that the March 11 earthquake and tsunami would lead Japan to sharply reduce its purchases to use the money for reconstruction.

The government hit its \$14.3 trillion borrowing limit on May 16. Since then, Treasury officials have been making various bookkeeping maneuvers to clear room to continue normal borrowing operations. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has said he will run out of maneuvering room by Aug. 2 if Congress has not passed



**Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner arrives for a House GOP freshman caucus on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, June 2, 2011. Rep. Tim Scott, R-S.C. is at right.**

Associated Press

a higher debt limit by that time.

The debt limit is the amount the government can borrow to finance its operations.

Republicans are demanding spending cuts that would equal the total increase in the debt limit. But Federal Reserve Chairman

Ben Bernanke warned Republicans on Tuesday that it would be dangerous to use an increase in the debt ceiling as leverage to get spending cuts.

The deficit is expected to exceed \$1 trillion for the third straight year as the government is borrowing 40 cents of every dollar it spends and a large portion of that borrowing is financed by foreigners.

Analysts said that latest foreign holdings data show that foreign buyers of Treasuries were not deterred in April by the politics affecting the U.S. debt limit. Gregory Daco, U.S. economist at Global Insight, said foreign investors still consider U.S. Treasury securities a good investment, particularly at a time of global turmoil over such issues as European debt problems.

"Private investors seem to be making the bet that the current U.S. growth slowdown is transitory and that momentum should pick up in the second half of the year," Daco said.

The Treasury report said that the United Kingdom, the third largest holder of Treasury securities, increased its holdings to \$333 billion in April, up from \$325.2 billion in March. □

# American Express rolling out first prepaid card

CANDICE CHOI

AP Personal Finance Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)**—American Express is rolling out its first prepaid card aimed at the general market on Tuesday as it moves to stake a claim in the growing industry.

The announcement marks a notable departure for the company, which is known for catering to a more affluent clientele with its signature green charge cards. Prepaid cards, which are often sold in drugstores and can be reloaded with cash, are usually marketed to low-income consumers who don't have credit cards or checking accounts. But Amex is betting that its newest offering will find appeal among a broader swath of consumers.

"This card is for everyone,"

said Dan Schulman, who was hired last summer to head Amex's enterprise growth unit. "It could be for a parent who wants to give their kid a card, it could be for someone who doesn't have access to credit. It's a very large market that spans demographics."

American Express says its prepaid card pares down the number of fees that users often encounter. The Amex card only charges two fees:

1. To load money on the card at retailers such as Walmart and Walgreens, consumers pay \$4.95. There is no fee to transfer money onto the card through a checking or savings account.

2. The other fee is for ATM withdrawals. Cardholders get one free withdrawal a month, and are charged

\$2 per withdrawal thereafter.

The simplified costs are in contrast to the long list of fees that can come with other prepaid cards. Some cards charge a monthly fee, for example, or \$1 or more for every transaction. Other cards charge fees to speak with a customer service representative.

The Amex prepaid card can be ordered online at no cost. When it becomes available in retail locations later this year, the card will come with a purchase fee of about \$5.

The Amex prepaid card builds on the company's PASS prepaid card, which was introduced last year as a way for parents to keep teens on a spending leash. But the company quickly realized prepaid cards had bigger potential, given



their rapid growth in recent years.

Last year, Americans spent an estimated \$37 billion on prepaid cards. That's twice as much as the previous year and four times the amount in 2008, according to the Network Branded Prepaid Card Association, an industry group. □



# Judge sends Charlie Sheen's 'Men' lawsuit to arbitration



Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Allan Goodman ruled Wednesday, June 15, 2011, that Charlie Sheen's \$100 million lawsuit over his firing from "Two and a Half Men" should be handled through private arbitration rather than in a public courtroom.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth, File)

**ANTHONY MCCARTNEY,**  
AP Entertainment Writer  
**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Charlie Sheen may not get quite the audience he wanted for his \$100 million lawsuit over his firing from "Two and a Half Men": A judge on Wednesday ruled that an arbitrator should determine whether the case is handled privately or in a

public courtroom. Sheen's contract with Warner Bros. Television has a valid clause requiring the private arbitrator to decide how the case proceeds, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Allan Goodman wrote in a 21-page ruling. The decision will likely dampen publicity about the case in the short-term,

although Sheen's attorney said he will still argue the case should be heard publicly. Sheen sued Warner Bros. and "Men" executive producer Chuck Lorre on March 10, days after Sheen was fired from his starring role on television's top-rated comedy.

Goodman ruled that Lorre also has a valid clause in his contract with Warner Bros. to have disputes handled through arbitration.

Warner Bros. and Lorre both want the case handled privately. Sheen opposed those efforts in court filings and an all-day hearing on the issue in April.

Attorney Marty Singer, who is representing Sheen, said the ruling does not decide whether the case will be heard privately and he will argue that it should be handled in the public court system. He said Sheen had valid claims in his lawsuit and the studio was holding back at least \$10 million in royalties on reruns and sales of the show.

Warner Bros. and Lorre's attorney welcomed the ruling Wednesday and said it was the correct one given Sheen's contract.

"This matter will now proceed in an orderly fashion as the parties agreed to," Lorre's attorney Howard Weitzman wrote in an email. □

## Polo, glamour and charity for Wills and Kate in LA

**GREGORY KATZ**  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Prince William and the former Kate Middleton plan to combine red-carpet glamour with serious charity work during a trip to California next month, palace officials said Wednesday.

The three-day visit to the Los Angeles area will be Middleton's first visit to the United States. It will follow a longer trip to Canada where the royal couple, now known as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, will celebrate Canada's national day in the capital, visit the remote Northwest Territories and open the Calgary Stampede.

Private secretary Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton said the duke and duchess will attend a black-tie dinner at LA's renovated Belasco Theater to introduce young British film talent to Hollywood executives on July 9.

He said the guest list for the red carpet event is still being worked out.

"The goal is not to meet celebrities, the goal is to connect young British talent with Hollywood decision makers, the people in the back room who put the deals together," Lowther-Pinkerton said.

The British Academy of Film and Television Arts is organizing the event, called "BAFTA Brits to Watch." William serves as president of the academy.

Earlier that day, William will play at a charity polo match in Santa Barbara, with Middleton scheduled to award the trophy to the winning team.

Officials said Middleton, whose fashion choices have been widely praised since she took up her official duties, would not bring a special "dresser" on the trip but would rely on an administrative assistant to help with her clothes and provide other kinds of help on her first royal tour.

A hairdresser will be part of the entourage, officials said. □



U.S. actor Lucy Liu poses as she attends the Australian premier of the movie Kung Fu Panda 2 in Sydney.

(AP Photo/Rick Rycroft)

## 'Panda' bears top box office title

**PAUL DERGARABEDIAN**  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — After three weeks in release, "Kung Fu Panda 2" has finally kicked and chopped its way to the top of the international box-office charts with a week-end total of \$56.5 million in 45 territories. The kid-friendly animated film has benefited from the booming 3-D overseas marketplace and its global appeal is evident, having earned over \$330 million worldwide.

Big news as "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" becomes Disney's biggest international release ever with \$695.9 million in revenue after a month in theaters. A fourth weekend total of \$41.1 million in 46 territories lands the 3-D pirate epic in second place and propels it to a massive worldwide total of \$907.4 million.

Debating internationally in fifth place is the Abrams-Spielberg sci-fi piece "Super 8," which managed a \$6.7 million weekend tally in just nine territories. The film, which has earned over \$50 million globally, should move up the international chart in the coming weeks as it expands into more foreign theaters.

Here are the top 20 movies at international theaters last weekend, followed by international gross for the week-end (excluding North America), number of theater locations, number of territories, worldwide gross to date (including North America), and number of weeks in release as compiled Wednesday by Rentrak and provided by Hollywood. □





Adjustment notes line the abdomen of a mannequin form at Fusion Specialties, a mannequin company, in Broomfield, Colo., Jan. 27, 2011. With retailers scrambling for an edge in the economic recovery, the generic white, skinny mannequin is being pushed aside by alternatives that entice shoppers with curves, unusual poses and even famous faces and bodies.

(Kevin Moloney/The New York Times)

## Dept. stores want mannequins with personality

**STEPHANIE CLIFFORD**  
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"One size fits all" no longer applies to mannequins. With retailers fighting for customers in the sluggish economic recovery, the generic white, hairless, skinny mannequin is being pushed aside by provocative alternatives that entice shoppers with muscles, unusual poses, famous faces and lifelike bodies.

"The customer shops from the mannequin," said Jenny Ming, chief executive of youth retailer Charlotte Russe, where poses for new mannequins are drawn from red-carpet celebrity pictures, and feature pierced ears, articulated fingers for rings and flexed feet for high heels. "The No. 1 reason our customers come in is because they see something they like."

The Disney Stores chain has added little-boy figurines that fly from the ceiling and little-girl ones that curtsy. Nike has made its mannequins taller and added about 35 athletic poses. Armani Exchange has ordered models that will lie down to help shoppers imagine wearing lingerie. A new accessories-only store by Guess features glossy black mannequins in model-like poses on an actual

runway, while Ralph Lauren's new women's store in Manhattan commissioned mannequins with the face of model Yasmin Le Bon.

It is all part of a new appreciation for old-fashioned window dressing. During the 1990s and early 2000s, many stores cut costs by hiring inexperienced workers to outfit their mannequins, and generic was best as the dummies needed to be dummy-proof.

But with shoppers getting increasingly persnickety, retailers are expecting their store displays to serve as "come on in" advertising, with the made-to-order mannequins sending a very specific message. "They personify their brand with their mannequin statements, and they're looking for something a little more customized or unique," said Peter Huston, brand president at Fusion Specialties, a mannequin company in Colorado whose sales for custom mannequins rose 48 percent last year.

One of Fusion's customers is Athleta, the sportswear company owned by Gap Inc. It commissioned mannequins based on a catalog model, Danielle Halverson, a track-and-field athlete training for the Olympics. □





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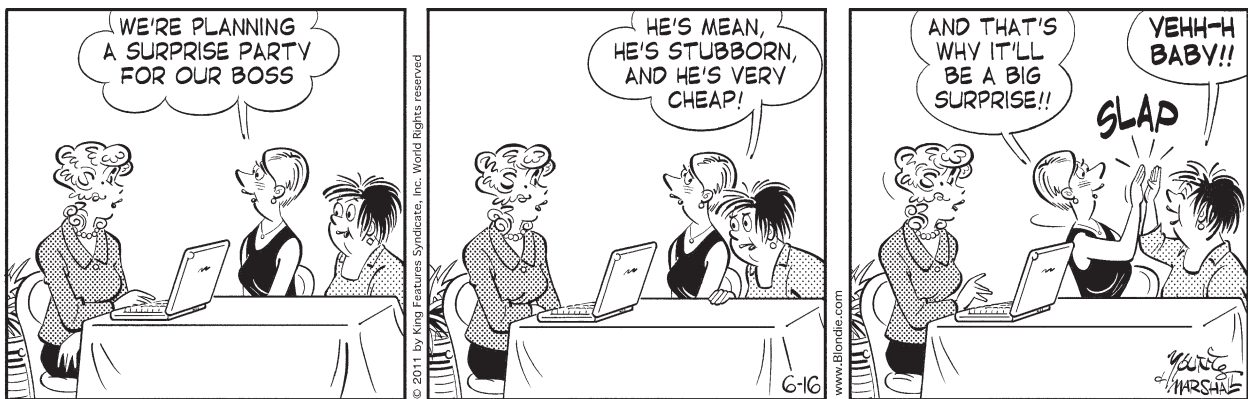
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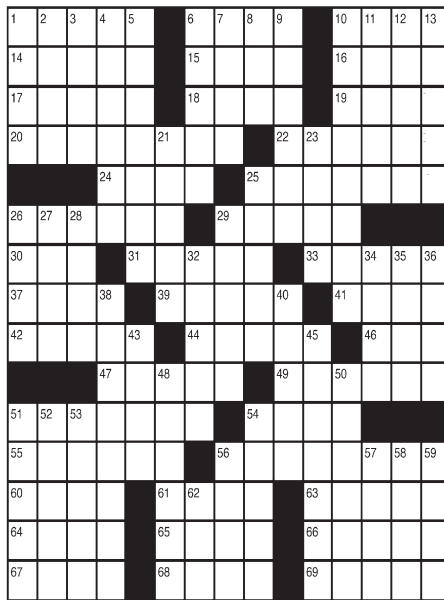
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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9	2	3	8	1	6	7	4	5
1	8	5	4	7	2	6	3	9
6	7	9	3	4	1	8	5	2
5	3	1	2	8	7	4	9	6
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Less vivid in color
- 6 Ripped
- 10 Mr. Domino
- 14 Blazing
- 15 Shortly
- 16 Monster
- 17 Belly button
- 18 \_\_\_ over; faint
- 19 Harness strap
- 20 Hand-thrown explosives
- 22 Amphitheaters
- 24 Not closed
- 25 Coal bucket
- 26 Linger in a bookstore
- 29 Part of a dramatic act
- 30 Assistance
- 31 Glowing coal fragment
- 33 Forest opening
- 37 "\_\_\_ grief!"
- 39 Underwater detection device
- 41 Claim against property
- 42 Walk about pompously
- 44 Fess up
- 46 Barack, to Sasha & Malia
- 47 Sidelong glances
- 49 Prevents from acting
- 51 Uncivilized
- 54 Fortune-teller
- 55 Makes right
- 56 Pair up incorrectly
- 60 Liver secretion
- 61 Filled with wonderment
- 63 Boise's state
- 64 Building wings
- 65 Days of \_\_\_; long ago
- 66 Connection
- 67 Not as much
- 68 Observes
- 69 Greasy dirt



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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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**DOWN**

- 1 Hunger pain

- 43 \_\_\_ off; irritated
- 45 Abounding
- 48 Writing tasks for students
- 50 Merchant
- 51 Price tag
- 52 "Give 'em an inch and they'll take \_\_\_"
- 53 Water holes
- 54 Factions
- 56 French mother
- 57 Cab
- 58 Buddy
- 59 Flexible tube
- 62 Misfortune



# For Damian Lopez Alfonso, a long, hard ride and a dream



Damian Lopez Alfonso, who has no forearms and disfiguring injuries to his face from a childhood accident, in New York, March 26, 2011. Alfonso has received an outpouring of support from cyclists around the world, enabling him to acquire the help and equipment he needs to compete in officially sanctioned international competitions.

(Raymond McCrea Jones/The New York Times)

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**NEW YORK** – With only the tips of his elbows touching his bicycle's upturned handlebars, Damian Lopez Alfonso pedaled along the Hudson River bike path on a cool March day. His balancing act elicited stares from disbelieving pedestrians and curious double-takes from fellow cyclists. Because not only does Alfonso ride his bike without forearms, lost in a devastating childhood accident, but he also rides it very, very fast.

Tracy Lea first witnessed his unorthodox cycling method during a race outside Havana nearly eight years ago.

Lea, a former elite racer from Maryland, found herself in a ragtag pack of riders on a highway pocked with "car eating" potholes outside the Cuban capital. "I'm worried about these guys in tight, fast conditions," she remembered thinking, "and all of a sudden, I'm racing next to a guy with no arms!" She watched as he pow-

ered through the course, lifting his body to shift gears with the nubs of his elbows or press down on the brakes.

"Then I realized he had more control than most of the people in the race," she said.

Despite his disadvantages, Alfonso, 34, has won local competitions at home in Cuba and races nearly every weekend against able-bodied cyclists in informal events. But the alterations to his bike that allow him to do so – turning the handlebars nearly 180 degrees upward, so the brakes and gear shifters face him – have also kept him out of officially sanctioned international competitions, which have strict equipment rules.

But not for much longer. In July, Alfonso is scheduled to race in Canada, the first event on his road to qualifying for the 2012 Paralympic Games in London. If all goes well, it will be the culmination of a nearly decade-long journey for Alfonso, a story of sudden tragedy, grim determina-

tion and a little help from a lot of perfect strangers in a bicycling community thousands of miles away.

Since Lea and others began spreading word about the Cuban cyclist with no arms and disfiguring injuries to his face – also from the childhood accident – riders from as far away as California and Germany have sent money, and companies including Fuji, Shimano and a prosthetics maker, Hanger, have provided state-of-the-art products that will help him ride in the standard position so he can compete at an elite level.

But Alfonso's strongest supporters are in and around New York, following his progress on Facebook or the widely read local racing blog NYVelocity, and donating their time, money and spare bedrooms to help him in the city, where he came for medical tests and has spent nearly four months undergoing a series of painful reconstructive operations and being fitted for prosthetic arms.

Alfonso, who had never visited New York before arriv-

ing in December for a series of medical tests, now calls it "the best city in the world." And here, as in his native Havana, everyone simply calls him Damian.

But last month, between rounds of facial operations at NYU Langone Medical Center, Alfonso was depressed.

Slumped in a black leather chair in the bustling hospital lobby, a gleaming white bandage wrapped around the top of his head, he wondered whether all the surgery and the prosthetics had been a mistake. He missed riding, had gained weight and was not sleeping because of pain from the operations.

His aunt Edilia Tamargo, up from Tampa, Fla., to help care for him, sat nearby and translated. □

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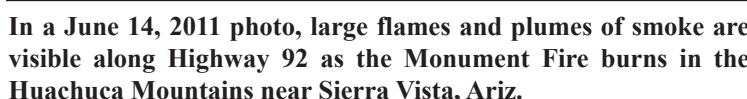
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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON** — The fires searing parts of the West are an eerie echo of the past, a frightening reminder of a once terrible danger that had been held largely at bay for decades.

Is it global warming? Experts won't say that, pointing instead to a variety of factors ranging from local weather to insect infestations to more people living and camping out in the woods.

So far this year, 31,650 wildfires have burned more than 4 million acres of land — more than twice the area of Delaware — according to the National Interagency Coordination Center. That's up from 27,077 fires at the same time a year ago, which burned about a third as much acreage as this year.

His paper published in the journal *Science* in 2006 documented the number, size and frequency of fires. The fires in Yellowstone Park in 1988 seemed to inaugurate this new era of major wildfires in the West.

The increase in large wildfires could be seen as a return to the situation a century earlier, when they were more common.

Now, over the last few decades, there has been an increase, although not every year, said Pyne. "The question is why."

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# Jillian Michaels is fit for new challenges

Catherine Saint Louis

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NEW YORK – On a Tuesday night in April, Jillian Michaels, the fitness guru, sat down on a table at the Borders store in Columbus Circle and kicked off shiny beige Christian Louboutin pumps, revealing a blue pedicure. She was faced by a snaking line of hundreds, mostly women and teenage girls (but also a few potbellied men) clutching her sixth book, “Unlimited: How to Build an Exceptional Life.” Periodically, a giddy squeal would erupt from the crowd.

The devotees, some of whom waited four hours to get their copies signed, approached Michaels tentatively, as if she might give them the kind of dressing-down she's perfected as a confrontational trainer on NBC's “The Biggest Loser.” A few did get a tongue-lashing. “Do I smell cigarette smoke on you?” Michaels asked Lori Gorman, a retail manager who had taken a bus in from Attleboro, Mass.

“No,” Gorman lied. Michaels narrowed her eyes.

also using an expletive, examples of which are littered throughout “Unlimited.”

But more often, Michaels, in ripped jeans and a black boyfriend blazer over a blouse, was disarmingly chummy. She raised an arm to signal that fans could come in for a hug. Most did and lingered, whispering over her shoulder their tales of woe and transformation. Baby bump on display, Amy Lanzilotta, 31, from New York, told Michaels she plans to name her daughter Jillian because she was inspired by her “emotional strength.”

Some making the pilgrimage, newly slender, were carrying Before-Jillian pictures in which they were unrecognizable. Cynthia Eyler, 40, who home-schools three of her four children in Westchester, Pa., used to tell them, “Don't catch on fire, because Mom doesn't run!”

After tracking her calories and workouts at the weight-loss site jillianmichaels.com, after her first 5K race and after 93 pounds had been shed, Eyler showed her idol a photo of the old

life is changing, too. Last month, in a move at least two years in the making, she left “The Biggest Loser” – and her beloved com-

you faint, puke or die, keep walking!” Of reported tension with producers of “The Biggest Loser” after she announced her departure via

her not to go down that road yet. “Sometimes you think you're ready to climb Mount Everest because you ran a marathon,” Or-



**Fitness guru Jillian Michaels at the book signing event for her new book “Unlimited” at Borders in New York on April 5, 2011. Michael's has expanded her fitness empire with a sixth book and an additional job in television.**

(Robert Caplin/The New York Times)

rade, Bob Harper – to pursue her dream of becoming a household name in health and wellness instead of just “America's toughest

Twitter in December, Michaels said, “It's like a boyfriend you break up with that feels scorned.”

It didn't take long for another network to make its move. This fall, Michaels will become the fifth host, and the only nonphysician, on the CBS daytime show “The Doctors.” She will also be a special correspondent on CBS' “Dr. Phil,” where one assignment will be to help teenage runaways face their demons.

She is relishing the transition. “Prime time is sizzle,” not about education, she said, adding, “In daytime, you can entertain, but you can get information across a broad platform that allows people to attain any goal, any dream.”

Jay McGraw, an executive producer of “The Doctors,” thinks of her role as that of a super consumer. “She asks the questions that get the answers we all want,” he said.

It's not out of the question that Michaels might someday have her own show, though the finance guru Suze Orman, a mentor and a friend, has advised

man said in a phone interview. But transforming “Biggest Loser” contestants is “a very different skill than sitting there five days a week trying to touch people's souls.” She added of Michaels: “She's not as great as she thinks she is, but she absolutely will be.”

The groundwork for the star trainer's departure from “The Biggest Loser” was laid in part by her business partner Giancarlo Chersich, a former licensing agent who founded Empowered Media, a company to develop her brand, with her in 2008. During a hike up Runyon Canyon in Los Angeles, Chersich explained how the company came to be. First, he said, she had to agree to a few conditions, namely no sex tapes or DWI charges. “I don't like drama,” he said.

Chersich – or G, as Michaels calls him – whose previous clients include Daisy Fuentes and Randy Jackson, saw in her an opportunity to build a one-name, down-to-earth wellness guru akin to what Oprah did for lifestyle or Martha did for home. □



**Fans line up to see fitness guru Jillian Michaels at the book signing event for her new book “Unlimited” at Borders in New York on April 6, 2011. Michael's has expanded her fitness empire with a sixth book and an additional job in television.**

(Robert Caplin/The New York Times)

“Yeah,” Gorman, 47, admitted, skittish as a teenager. “Quit!” Michaels barked,

her. “I want to thank you for changing my life,” she said nervously. Michaels'

trainer.” (There are only so many times one can utter the catchphrase “Unless





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